

# THE BEACH FAMILY JOURNAL

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Together with All Other BEACH or BEECH Families in America

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## EDITOR'S COLUMN by Eugene H. Beach, Jr.

### *Genealogy And Gender: Some Thoughts*

"Is the *Journal* sexist?" That question was the subtext of a recent email exchange regarding our practice of *not* tracing the descendants of Beach women beyond their immediate children. As our correspondent correctly noted, the publication purports to be "... Devoted to the Descendants of Richard, John and Thomas Beach... Together with All Other Beach or Beech Families in America." And since the issue of Beach women "... are as much a part of the Beach family as their cousins...", there is no reason to limit ourselves to descendants "... who just happen to have a father for a Beach rather than a mother..."

Many genealogies do, of course, trace descendants in both the male and female lines, resulting in mini-accounts of the "Jones" and "Brown" families within a larger history of the "Smith" clan. For whatever reason, however, the majority of previously published Beach genealogies limit themselves to descendants bearing the Beach name. This is true, for example, of the original *Beach Family Magazine*, *Beach in America*, *The Descendants of Thomas Beach*, *Ancestry and Posterity of Obil Beach*, etc., as well as the Beach genealogies found in Hibbard's *History of Goshen, Connecticut*; Davis' *History of Wallingford, Connecticut*; and Orcutt's *History of the Old Town of Stratford, Connecticut*. But Compare: Mahlon W. Beach's *Beach in Canada*, which does include the descendants of Beach women. One might

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argue this practice results from past "patriarch prejudice" except for the fact so many of these earlier publications were themselves authored or co-authored by women [e.g., Cora B. Beach co-edited the original *Magazine*; Mary and Helen Beach co-authored *The Descendants of Thomas Beach*; and Alma Lewis James authored *The Ancestry and Posterity of Obil Beach*].

For what it is worth our own "truncation" of the female lines results from several factors. Initially, we simply followed the "convention" established by the original *Magazine*, from which we took our inspiration. It also soon became apparent we barely have time and space to document male Beach descendants, much less include the non-Beach descendants of Beach women. Lastly, we have come to feel our focus is as much on the surname *per se* as it is on biological descent. In other words, the *Beach Family Journal* is concerned with persons *named* Beach, whether by birth, adoption, marriage, name change or otherwise. Indeed, we have even addressed Beaches who appear in works of fiction, despite their lack of any "real" existence.

We have remarked before that genealogy is an "acquisitive" pursuit, fundamentally no different than other "collecting" hobbies involving coins, stamps, plush toys, etc. Where the set of potentially collectible objects is unmanageably large and/or varied, however, collectors often limit themselves to some specific subset, such as U.S. coins before 1900; stamps that depict birds; or plush toys made by a specific company. So too in genealogy, one may choose to document all the descendants of a single ancestor, all the ancestors of a single living person, etc. In our case we have chosen to focus on Beach descendants who pass down the Beach name (mostly, but not always male), leaving it to specialists in other surnames to document the descendants of Beaches (mostly, but not always female) who take the name of those families. In so doing we do *not* mean to make any political statement, pass any value judgment, nor disparage those who might take a different view, either of genealogy specifically or society in general. As always, however, we would invite your own thoughts on this interesting question.

Meanwhile, we take this opportunity to thank our returning subscribers, as well as welcome those new to the *Journal* this year. As we begin our second decade of publication we hope to continue delivering the same eclectic "mix" of Beach lineages, biographies, census data and other information we have done previously. After ten years and 1500+ pages, however - not to mention our slowly fading memory - the risk grows that we will one day repeat ourselves and present something we have already published previously, such as a "Gleanings" item. While we take pains to avoid this (e.g., by consulting our indexes), and it has not happened yet so far as we know, it is bound to occur sooner or later, such that we feel it prudent to apologize in advance!

Respectfully, Eugene H. Beach, Jr.

### **GLEANINGS**

A column devoted to presenting short biographies, family lineages and other accounts of persons named BEACH as found in old local histories and other sources of limited availability. If your files contain items of this type please submit a photocopy or verbatim transcript, along with the author, title, publisher, date and place of publication and page references of the source where found.

The following is taken from Thomas William Herringshaw, *Encyclopedia of American Biography of the Nineteenth Century*, American Publisher's Association, Chicago (1902) [Submitted by Eugene H. Beach, Jr.]:

BEACH, ABEL, lawyer, poet, was born Feb. 7, 1829, in Groton, N.Y. In 1849 he graduated from the Union College of Schenectady, N.Y. He then taught school in Ithaca and Westfield academies, N.Y.; and was a professor in the State University of Iowa. He next entered into the practice of law; and has attained prominence as a successful pension attorney in Iowa City, Iowa. He has served as deputy auditor of Iowa, and has held various public positions of trust in his town, county and state. He was one of the principal founders of the Theta-Delta-Chi fraternity, and is a prominent member of various societies. For many years past he has given frequent contributions of poetry to the press, and is the author of *Western Airs from the Prairies of Iowa*; and several poetic brochures.

**NOTE:** This is Abel Beach<sup>8</sup>, Abel Adam<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, Solomon<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Nathan<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>, whose ancestry we previously presented in Vol. VIII, No. 4, p. 1218, as part of our account of the descendants of William Beach<sup>6</sup>. At the time, however, we had no idea of his relative prominence. For example, the web site for the Theta Delta Chi fraternity likewise notes his role as one of "six members of the [Union College] class of 1849" who founded that organization in 1847; making it the eleventh oldest college fraternity in the United States, See: [www.tdx.org/about/about\\_history.html](http://www.tdx.org/about/about_history.html). Abel Beach<sup>8</sup> died at Iowa City, Iowa, on Jun 19, 1899, and is buried at Oakland Cemetery, Iowa City, Iowa. We are unsure whether he married, but several other Beaches are buried beside him whose dates of birth suggest they might be his children, i.e., Delia A. Beach, b. Oct 7, 1850; d. Oct 8, 1909; Humphrey Bowen Beach, born Aug 7, 1857; d. Aug 16, 1878; Arthur Allen Beach, b. Mar 3, 1860; d. Apr 18, 1863; and Ralph Lawrence Beach, b. Aug 31, 1863; d. Jun 29, 1878. Any additional information about these individuals would be welcome, as would an example of Abel Beach's poetry.

The following is taken from *Biographical Review: Biographical Sketches of the Leading Citizens of Delaware County, New York*, Biographical Review Publishing Co., Boston, 1895 [Submitted by Eugene H. Beach, Jr.]

**Re: The Ancestry of Schuyler E. Wood of Sidney, Delaware County, New York**

Caleb [Wood] married Abigail Bookout, born July 8, 1782. They raised a family of seven children... [including] Belinda A., born February 25, 1816, died May 18, 1863, wife of Seba Beach... [and] Joseph R., b. September 22, 1813, died November 23, 1892.

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Clark A. Wood, the second son of Joseph R., was born in the town of Sidney, and grew to manhood on the farm. Never having enjoyed good health, he was unable to leave the ways of his father and start in a new line of life, but was obliged to content himself with a district-school education. He was married at the age of twenty-one, on July 3, 1864, to Sarah A. Beach, daughter of Seba and Belinda (Wood) Beach. Seba Beach was born in 1804, and all his life was spent in faithful and satisfactory manual labor in the factories of his native State, Connecticut, where he died in 1874.

**NOTE:** This is Seba Beach<sup>6</sup>, Caleb<sup>5</sup>, Joel<sup>4</sup>, Caleb<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>, b. Jan 6, 1804; d. May 5, 1874, at Trumbull, Connecticut. While knowing his ancestry, however, we were previously unaware of his marriage or any children. Curiously, we cannot find Seba Beach<sup>6</sup> on the

1850 Census of Connecticut, although there is a much younger Seba Beach, age 15, living in Winchester, Litchfield County, Connecticut, who might be his son.

### SOUTHERN BEACH/BEECH FAMILIES

There are BEACH/BEECH families in the southern United States whose ancestry appears independent of the three New Haven BEACH brothers. Except for *The Beach Family of Kentucky* by T. J. Beach and passing mention in the original *Beach Family Magazine*, however, these Southern families have received little systematic treatment. To remedy this omission, we try to regularly present brief accounts and other data on such Southern lines as it becomes available.

### The Descendants Of WILLIAM RILEY BEACH Of Martin County, North Carolina

From Data Submitted By  
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1. WILLIAM RILEY BEACH<sup>1</sup> - b. 1820 at Everetts, Martin County, North Carolina; bur. at Robersonville, North Carolina; m. Temperance Williams, b. 1825 at Martin County, North Carolina.

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2. HENRY W., below.
  3. BRYANT D., below.
  4. HARRIET, b. 1856.
2. HENRY W. BEACH<sup>2</sup> (William Riley<sup>1</sup>) - b. Jul --, 1852, at Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina; d. Feb 7, 1916, at Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina; m. Feb 6, 1875, Caroline Mobley, b. 1856 at Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina.

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5. JOHN HENRY THOMAS, below.
3. BRYANT D. BEACH<sup>2</sup> (William Riley<sup>1</sup>) - d. Nov 30, 1915, at Greenville, Pitt County, North Carolina; m. Betsy Louise Moore.

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6. ELIZABETH, d. Oct 15, 1924, at Greenville, Pitt County, North Carolina.
  7. DAVID CLEOPHEOUS, d. May 13, 1955, at Greenville, North Carolina.
5. JOHN HENRY THOMAS BEACH<sup>3</sup> (Henry W.<sup>2</sup>, William Riley<sup>1</sup>) - b. May 7, 1878, at Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina; d. Apr 4, 1951, at Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina; m. Apr 4, 1895, at



Martin County, North Carolina, Eatha L. Wynn, dau. of George and Eliza Wynn, b. 1879 at Martin County, North Carolina; d. May 22, 1926, at Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina.

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8. ELIZA C., b. Jun 9, 1898, Martin County, North Carolina; d. Jun 7, 1984.
  9. JAMES SIMON, below.
  10. DELLA, b. 1901, Martin County, North Carolina; Arthur Paul Hyman, b. Sep 27, 1901, at Hamilton, Martin County, North Carolina; d. Sep 28, 1972.
  11. WILLIAM MARSHALL, below.
  12. GEORGE ROOSEVELT, below.
9. JAMES SIMON BEACH<sup>4</sup> (John Henry Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Henry W.<sup>2</sup>, William Riley<sup>1</sup>) - b. Oct 20, 1899, at Cross Roads, Martin County, North Carolina; d. 1986 at Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina; m. Lillie Belle McClaren.

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13. JOSEPH SIMON, JR., below.
11. WILLIAM MARSHALL BEACH<sup>4</sup> (John Henry Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Henry W.<sup>2</sup>, William Riley<sup>1</sup>) - b. 1902 at Cross Roads, Martin County, North Carolina; d. 1937; m. Oma Faye Whitfield, b. Mar 14, 1914, at Martin County, North Carolina; d. Aug 6, 1999.

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14. DAVID RONDELL, below
  15. LOIS RAYNE.
  16. PEARL ANNETTE, b. Oct 26, 1936; m. Bill Reuben Wobbleton, son of John and Isolene (Rogers) Wobbleton, b. Nov 28, 1930. Their children: (i) Bill Reuben Wobbleton, Jr., b. May 21, 1959; (ii) Marsha Anne Wobbleton, b. Feb 24, 1962; (iii) Steven Daniel Wobbleton, b. May 11, 1965.
12. GEORGE ROOSEVELT BEACH<sup>4</sup> (John Henry Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Henry W.<sup>2</sup>, William Riley<sup>1</sup>) - b. Feb 7, 1906, at Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina; d. Jan 28, 1965, at Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina; m. Martha Elizabeth Bennett, dau. of Milton and Martha (Jones) Bennett, b. Apr 22, 1906, at Martin County, North Carolina; d. Aug 28, 1994, at Plymouth, Washington County, North Carolina. Both are buried at Woodlawn Cemetery, Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina.

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17. JANIE SYBLE, b. Feb 9, 19--, at Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina; m. Jun 4, 1951, at Springfield, Kentucky, William Lloyd Harris, son of Taylor and Ethel (Dailey) Harris, b. Dec 2, 1930, at Washington, Beauford County, North Carolina. Their children: (i) Billie Jean Harris, b. Jun 4, 1952; (ii) Janie Elizabeth Harris, b. Dec 19, 1953; (iii) Gregory Lloyd Harris, b. Oct 25, 1956.
18. EDWARD CLIFTON, below.
19. RACHEL MURIEL, b. Nov 3, 1930, at Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina; m. 1st, Roland Bythia Leggett, Jr., son of Roland and Lillian (Gurley) Leggett; m. 2nd, Payton Brown Eastwood. Children by the first marriage: (i) Roosevelt R. Leggett, b. Oct 15, 1948; (ii) Sharion M. Leggett, b. Dec 15, 1951; (iii) Yovone Lillian Leggett, b. Oct 30, 1955; (iv) Robert Leggett, b. Jun 13, 1959. Child by the second marriage: (v) Peyton Eastwood, b. Aug 28, 1962.
20. MARY FRANCES, b. Dec 3, 1935, at Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina; d. Dec 30, 1996, at Durham, North Carolina; m. 1st, George Tomasic; m. 2nd, Kim Jenson. Children by first marriage: (i) Kim Tomasic; (ii) G. Christopher Tomasic.
20. MARSHALL RHODES, below.

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21. GLORIA YVONNE, b. Oct 17, 1942, at Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina; d. Feb 18, 1994, at Durham, North Carolina; m. Herman Rissalo. Their children: (i) Gloria Rissalo; (ii) Vickie Rissalo; (iii) Keith Rissalo; (iv) Eric Rissalo.
  22. MICHAEL ROOSEVELT, below.
  23. CHARLES WAYNE, below.
13. JOSEPH SIMON BEACH, JR.<sup>5</sup> (Joseph Simon<sup>4</sup>, John Henry Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Henry W.<sup>2</sup>, William Riley<sup>1</sup>) - b. Oct 14, 1925; m. Jan 18, 1947, Madelene Bailey, dau. of Simon and Ethel (Capps) Bailey, b. Nov 26, 1927, at Bear Grass Township, Martin County, North Carolina.

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24. ROBERT CLAYTON, b. Nov 15, 1947; m. Aug 21, 1971, Sara Lynn Cullipher, b. Dec 26, 1950.
  25. PATRICIA ANN, b. May 15, 1949, at Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina; m. Nov 3, 1979, at Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina, Roy Howard Griffin, b. Feb 8, 1956, at Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina.
14. DAVID RONDELL BEACH<sup>5</sup> (William Marshall<sup>4</sup>, John Henry Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Henry W.<sup>2</sup>, William Riley<sup>1</sup>) - b. Sep 24, 1933; m. Caroline Elizabeth Lamons, b. Nov 9, 1937.

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26. RONDELL MELVIN, below.
  27. SHARON LYNN, b. May 24, 1960; m. Curtis Wayne Brannon, b. Nov 4, 1960. Their children: (i) Olivia Claire Brannon, b. Apr 29, 1990; (ii) Meredith Rhea Brannon, b. Dec 14, 1992.
  28. KIMBERLY SUE, b. Jun 16, 1962; m. Mark William Elder, b. Jan 27, 1962. Their children: (i) Kaitlin Elizabeth Elder, b. Jun 13, 1992; (ii) Barrett William Elder, b. Oct 7, 1993.
  29. MARSHALL LAMONS, below.
18. EDWARD CLIFTON BEACH<sup>5</sup> (George Roosevelt<sup>4</sup>, John Henry Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Henry W.<sup>2</sup>, William Riley<sup>1</sup>) - b. Jul 10, 1928, at Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina; m. Sep 3, 1949, Maezelle LaMarie, b. Dec 26, 1928.

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30. THEO JOSEPH, below.
  31. ANGELA PRISCILLA, b. Sep 13, 1950; m. Jul 3, 1970, at Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina, Dallas Levern Silverthorne, son of Jasper and Daisy (Holliday) Silverthorne, b. Dec 17, 1949, at Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina. Their children: (i) Tia Cher Silverthorne, b. Aug 4, 1972; (ii) Tara Carmen Silverthorne, b. Aug 12, 1975; (iii) Dana Lynn Silverthorne, b. Apr 12, 1980.
  32. EDWARD CLIFTON, JR.
  33. MITZIE RENEE, b. Aug 28, 1967, at Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina; m. 1st, Isaac Kukahiko; m. 2nd, Charles Edward Johns; m. 3rd, Tony Trotman. Children: (i) Charles Edward Johnson, b. Feb 17, 1983; (ii) Quinton Corde Trotman, b. Jan 4, 1989.
20. MARSHALL RHODES BEACH<sup>5</sup> (George Roosevelt<sup>4</sup>, John Henry Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Henry W.<sup>2</sup>, William Riley<sup>1</sup>) - b. Feb --, 1938, at Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina; m. 1st, Pauline Rapp; m. 2nd, Minnie B. Harris; m. 3rd, Louise Boyette, b. Jul 24, 1933, at Edgecombe County, North Carolina.

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(By Pauline Rapp)

34. BONNIE SUE, b. Aug 26, 1966.

35. MARSHALL WILLIAM, below.

36. NENITA DIANE, m. David Thompson. Her children: (i) Vickie Lynn Beach; (ii) Daniel A. Beach.

(By Minnie B. Harris)

37. LAURIE MICHELLE, m. Marvin Manning. Their child: (i) Jarvis Marvin Manning, b. Jun 21, 1997.

22. MICHAEL ROOSEVELT BEACH<sup>5</sup> (George Roosevelt<sup>4</sup>, John Henry Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Henry W.<sup>2</sup>, William Riley<sup>1</sup>) - b. Jun --, 1945, at Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina; m. Jane Wesson.

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38. DAWN MARIE, m. Jorge Boconeagra. Their children: (i) Janie Boconeagra; (ii) Saddy Boconeagra.

39. MICHAEL ROOSEVELT, JR.

23. CHARLES WAYNE BEACH<sup>5</sup> (George Roosevelt<sup>4</sup>, John Henry Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Henry W.<sup>2</sup>, William Riley<sup>1</sup>) - b. Jan 4, 1948, at Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina; m. Carol Cox.

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40. DAVID, adopted son.

26. RONDELL MELVIN BEACH<sup>6</sup> (David Rondell<sup>5</sup>, William Marshall<sup>4</sup>, John Henry Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Henry W.<sup>2</sup>, William Riley<sup>1</sup>) - b. Dec 20, 1956; m. Elaine Taylor, b. Dec 16, 1957.

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41. STEPHINE SUZANNE, b. Dec 3, 1980.

42. JENNIFER MARIE, b. Jul 5, 1984.

29. MARSHALL LAMONS BEACH<sup>6</sup> (David Rondell<sup>5</sup>, William Marshall<sup>4</sup>, John Henry Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Henry W.<sup>2</sup>, William Riley<sup>1</sup>) - b. Sep 29, 1965; m. Shirlee Sansbury, b. Feb 1, 1965.

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43. RACHEL EVELYN, b. Jun 22, 1993.

44. JULIA ANNE, b. Dec 8, 1997.

45. SARAH KATHRYN, b. Dec 15, 2000.

30. THEO JOSEPH BEACH<sup>6</sup> (Edward Clifton<sup>5</sup>, George Roosevelt<sup>4</sup>, John Henry Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Henry W.<sup>2</sup>, William Riley<sup>1</sup>) - b. Oct 18, 1956; m. Feb 25, 1984, Cora Susan Hockaday, b. Oct 31, 1958.

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46. THEO JOSEPH, JR., b. Mar 2, 1988.

47. LUKE MITCHELL, b. Feb 18, 1992.

35. MARSHALL WILLIAM BEACH<sup>6</sup> (Marshall Rhodes<sup>5</sup>, George Roosevelt<sup>4</sup>, John Henry Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Henry W.<sup>2</sup>, William Riley<sup>1</sup>) - b. Sep 3, 1959; m. 1st, 1978, Virginia Gay Frye; m. 2nd, 1985, at Virginia Beach, Virginia, Jennifer Ruth Polen; m. 3rd, 1993, at Virginia Beach, Virginia, Mary Sue Billman, b. Feb 9, 1967.

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(By Virginia Gay Frye)

48. DERRICK BRANDON, b. May 8, 1980.

(By Jennifer Polen)

49. BRITTANY NICOLE, b. Aug 7, 1991.

(By Mary Billman)

50. ZACKARY MARSHALL, b. May 18, 1993.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This family is unquestionably a part of that we previously addressed in "References To Persons Named BEACH/BEECH In Early Tyrrell And Martin Counties, North Carolina," *Beach Family Journal*, Vol. IX, No. 1, pp. 1276-1277. Note, for example, that the 1850 Census for Martin County shows "William R. Beach," age 30, living in the household of a John Beach, age 55. John, in turn, is probably the son of the Thomas Beach, Jr., who is named in the 1791 will of his father, Thomas Beach, Sr.

*But note* the item we published in Vol. III, No. 3, pp. 359-360, which also concerned a William Riley Beach from North Carolina. That man, however, is said to have married May Morinda McDowell and lived at Lenoir, Caldwell County - in the western part of the state - whereas Ms. Wade's ancestor married Temperance Williams and lived in Martin County, along the North Carolina coast. Such differences are enough to convince us we are dealing with two different men. At the same time, however, the existence of two William Riley Beaches living in North Carolina at roughly the same time seems more than mere coincidence. Could they have been uncle/nephew or cousins? Any further information would be welcome.

### THE "1850 CENSUS PROJECT"

#### Index To Persons Named BEACH/BEECH On The 1850 Census Of Delaware County, New York

Abstracted by Eugene H. Beach, Jr.

**ALFRED BEACH**, Walton, Delaware County, New York, Page 8, Dwelling 120, Family 129

BEACH,	ALFRED	41	M	Farmer	New York
"	REBECCA	41	F		New York
"	JAMS	17	M		New York
"	WATSON	15	M		New York
"	SULINDA	12	F		New York
"	GORDON	6	M		New York
"	WALLACE	2	M		New York

**NOTE:** This is Alfred Beach<sup>7</sup>, Richard Mansfield<sup>6</sup>, Timothy<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Ephriam<sup>3</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>; m. Rebecca Strong. We previously knew of son GORDON, but not the other children. See also the family of Alfred's brother, GORDON BEACH below.



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**ANSAN(?) BEACH**, *Masonville, Delaware County, New York, Page 92, Dwelling 66, Family 70*

BEACH,	ANSAN(?)	18	M		Connecticut
"	HARVY	27	M	Farmer	Connecticut
"	HARVY	25	M	Farmer	Connecticut
"	LORENZO	8	M		Connecticut
"	WESTLY	8	M		Connecticut
"	AMANDA	18	F		Connecticut
"	ELIZABETH	17	F		Connecticut

**NOTE:** Both this and the entry for EMILY BEACH below, which precedes it in the original census roll, seem confused. Despite some differences in ages and spellings this is clearly the family of Jeremiah Beach<sup>6</sup>, Joshua<sup>5</sup>, Joel<sup>4</sup>, Caleb<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>. Thus, the first HARVY, age 27, is Harvey N. Beach<sup>7</sup>, Jeremiah<sup>6</sup> b. Mar 20, 1823; LORENZO, age 8, is Lorenzo Beach<sup>7</sup>, Jeremiah<sup>6</sup>, b. Jul 5, 1841; WESTLY, age 8, is Wesley Beach<sup>7</sup>, Jeremiah<sup>6</sup>, b. Nov 12, 1844; AMANDA is Harriet Amanda<sup>7</sup>, Jeremiah<sup>6</sup>, b. Mar 30, 1827; and ELIZABETH, age 17, is Caroline Elizabeth<sup>7</sup>, Jeremiah<sup>6</sup>, b. Jan 2, 1833. Curiously, however, we cannot place either ANSAN(?) nor the second, younger HARVY. Note also that while Jeremiah Beach<sup>6</sup> himself did not die until Jan 29, 1851, he does not appear on this census. See also the entry for EMILY BEACH below.

**AUGUSTUS BEACH**, *Franklin, Delaware County, New York, Page 29, Dwelling 10, Family 10*

BEACH,	AUGUSTUS	45	M	Farmer	New York
"	MARIA	45	F		New York
"	ELIZA	17	F		New York
"	THOMAS M.	11	M		New York
"	GEORGE FRANCIS	6	M		New York

**NOTE:** This is Augustus Beach<sup>7</sup>, son of Daniel Beach<sup>6</sup>, Timothy<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Ephriam<sup>3</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>. In addition to the children above he is also known to have had a son Daniel<sup>8</sup>, who d. Apr 13, 1840. See also the entry for his mother, LURENDA BEACH, below, who lived next door.

**CHESTER BEACH**, *Masonville, Delaware County, New York, Page 91, Dwelling 57, Family 61*

BEACH,	CHESTER	51	M	Farmer	Connecticut
"	ELIZA ANN	49	F		New York
"	PHEBE ANN	24	F		New York
"	MYRON	20	M		New York
"	ELECTA	18	F		New York
"	LUCIUS	14	F(sic)		New York

**NOTE:** This is Chester Riley Beach<sup>6</sup>, Joshua<sup>5</sup>, Joel<sup>4</sup>, Caleb<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>, b. Sep 2, 1799; m. Eliza Ann Root. The gender of son LUCIUS is in error and others give the spelling of his name as "Lucious."

**EDWARD BEACH**, *Franklin, Delaware County, New York, Page 33, Dwelling 68, Family 73*

Grant,	James A.	56	M	Tavernkeep(?)	New York
Grant,	Abigail G.	46	F		Connecticut
***					
BEACH,	EDWARD	20	M	Student	New York

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**NOTE:** This appears to have been a tavern or boarding house as the household includes several other students, a tinner, a physician, etc. This man is the right age to be the son of HARRIET BEACH below and/or sister of ROSANIA BEACH below, both of whom lived nearby.

**EMILY BEACH**, *Masonville, Delaware County, New York, Page 92, Dwelling 65, Family 69*

Anderson,	William S.	80(?)	M	Carpenter	New York
Anderson,	Marian	84(?)	F		New York
***					
BEACH,	EMILY	18	F		New York
"	JEREMIAH	17	M	Farmer	New York

**NOTE:** Both this and the entry for ANSAN(?) BEACH above, which follows it in the original census roll, seems confused. We believe EMILY above to be Emily Beach<sup>7</sup>, dau. of Luman Loomis Beach<sup>6</sup>, Joshua<sup>5</sup>, Joel<sup>4</sup>, Caleb<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>, b. Sep 10, 1832. We cannot, however, place JEREMIAH with certainty. He is too young to be Jeremiah<sup>6</sup>, Joshua<sup>5</sup> as that man was born Apr 25, 1797, whereas the census clearly shows this Jeremiah to be only 17, thus b.c. 1833. He might be J. Henry a/k/a Henry Beach<sup>7</sup>, son of Jeremiah<sup>6</sup>, but our files show J. Henry Beach<sup>7</sup> to have been born Jan 24, 1825, in which case he should be 25 years of age; not 17. See also the entry of ANSAN(?) BEACH above.

**EUNICE BEACH**, *Franklin, Delaware County, New York, Page 32, Dwelling 55, Family 58*

BEACH,	EUNICE	71	F		Connecticut
"	BETSEY	43	F		New York
"	ADELIA	41	F		New York

**NOTE:** This is Eunice —, widow of William Beach<sup>6</sup>, Cephas<sup>5</sup>, Zophar<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>, while BETSEY and ADELIA are thought to be her daughters. Eunice d. at Franklin, New York, Jan 10, 1865, at age 86.

**GEORGE W. BEACH**, *Masonville, Delaware County, New York, Page 90, Dwelling 32, Family 35*

BEACH,	GEORGE W.	41(?)	M	Farmer	Connecticut
"	LOUISE	45	F		Connecticut
"	HUBBARD	17	M	Farmer	New York
"	AVIS A.	6	F		New York
"	GEORGE	2	M		New York
"	ADALOIN(?)	18	M		New York

**NOTE:** This is George Willis Beach<sup>6</sup>, Joshua<sup>5</sup>, Joel<sup>4</sup>, Caleb<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>, b. Oct 26, 1804; m. 1st, Louise a/k/a Lovisa Dorman; m. 2nd, Martha —. See also the entry for his son IRA BEACH below.

**GORDON BEACH**, *Sidney, Delaware County, New York, Page 67, Dwelling 12, Family 13*

BEACH,	GORDON	46	M	Farmer	New York
"	MELINDA	26	F		New York
"	MARY A.	19	F		New York
"	HANNAH	16	F		New York
"	SOPHIA	14	F		New York
"	LUCY	10	F		New York
"	CATHARINE J.	8	F		New York

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"	ELLEN A.	4	F		New York
"	MARIA	2	F		New York
"	GORDON EUGENE	4/12	M		New York

**NOTE:** This is Gordon Mansfield Beach<sup>7</sup>, Richard Mansfield<sup>6</sup>, Timothy<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Ephriam<sup>3</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>, b. Jun 11, 1804; m. 1st, Nov 3, 1830, Mary (Polly) St. John; m. 2nd, Mar 14, 1844, Malinda Niles. He subsequently removed to Iowa before finally settling in Osolo Township, Elkhart County, Indiana, where he died Jan 9, 1895. It is unclear why the middle name of son Gordon is crossed through on the original census. It could be because "Eugene" is misspelled or because the census taker felt he should only record middle initials; not full middle names. See also the family of Gordon's brother, ALFRED BEACH above.

**HARRIET BEACH**, Franklin, Delaware County, New York, Page 34, Dwelling 76, Family 82 and 83

Bennett,	George	36	M	Harnessmaker	New York
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BEACH,	HARRIET	44	F		New York
Spoon,	Polly	62	F		Connecticut
Spoon,	Cornelia	22	F		New York

**NOTE:** Although living in the same dwelling as George Bennett, HARRIET BEACH, Polly Spoon and Cornelia Spoon are given their own family number. We suspect HARRIET to be the mother of EDWARD BEACH above and ROSANIA BEACH below, both of whom lived nearby. It is possible she might be either the widow or else widowed daughter-in-law of Orrin Beach<sup>6</sup>, Cephas<sup>5</sup>, Zophar<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>, but more research is necessary to establish her identity.

**IRA BEACH**, Masonville, Delaware County, New York, Page 89, Dwelling 29, Family 32

BEACH,	IRA	25	M	Farmer	Connecticut
"	ABIGAIL	19	F		Pennsylvania
"	MARIANNA	21	F	Farmer	New York

**NOTE:** This is Ira Beach<sup>7</sup>, b. Feb 19, 1825, eldest child of George Willis Beach<sup>6</sup>, Joshua<sup>5</sup>, Joel<sup>4</sup>, Caleb<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>. He m. 1st, Abigail Blowers, who bore him a daughter Marianna c. 1850 before dying in 1851. Ira<sup>7</sup> then m. 2nd, Priscilla Blowers, sister of his first wife, by whom he had three more children. Still unclear is the identity of MARIANNA BEACH above who is too old to be the daughter of Ira<sup>7</sup>. See also the entry for Ira's father GEORGE W. BEACH above.

**JEHIAL BEACH**, Walton, Delaware County, New York, Page 3, Dwelling 40, Family 45

BEACH,	JEHIAL	42	M	Farmer	New York
"	MARY ANN	37	F		New York
"	CHARLES D.	17	M	Farmer	New York
"	AMELIA	16	F		New York
"	GILES P.	14	M		New York
"	ROBERT	13	M		New York
"	ELIZABETH	11	F		New York

**NOTE:** This is Jehial Beach<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, Timothy<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Ephriam<sup>3</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>, b. May 29, 1808; m. Mary Ann Strong.

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**LAMAN P. BEACH**, *Masonville, Delaware County, New York, Page 90, Dwelling 35, Family 39*

BEACH,	LAMAN P.	41	M		New York
"	MARIA	40	F		New York
"	EMILY	17	F		New York
"	MALISSA	16	F		New York
"	LUCY	14	F		New York
"	ANTIONIETTE	7	F		New York
"	LARISSA	5	F		New York
Boyt (Hoyt?),	Jeremiah	20(?)	M	Farmer	New York

**NOTE:** While the original census roll clearly reads "Laman P.," this is in fact Luman Loomis Beach<sup>6</sup>, Joshua<sup>5</sup>, Joel<sup>4</sup>, Caleb<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>, b. Apr 9, 1809; m. Maria Brainard. This entry further errs by giving his state of birth as New York, when in fact he was born at Norfolk, Connecticut.

**LURENDA BEACH**, *Franklin, Delaware County, New York, Page 29, Dwelling 11, Family 11*

Betts,	William	48	M	Farmer	New York
Betts,	Maria	46	F		New York
BEACH,	LURENDA	69	F		Connecticut
Betts,	Ripley	16	M	Farmer	New York
Betts,	Lydia	11	F		New York

**NOTE:** This is Lurinda ----, widow of Daniel Beach<sup>6</sup>, Timothy<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Ephriam<sup>3</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>. Maria Betts is her daughter, Maria Beach<sup>7</sup>, whose marriage to William Betts was reported in the *Delaware (New York) Gazette* for Feb 10, 1823. LURENDA died Aug 11, 1864, at Franklin, Delaware County, New York. See also the entry for her son, AUGUSTUS BEACH above, who lived next door.

**MARY BEACH**, *Sidney, Delaware County, New York, Page 68, Dwelling 19, Family 20*

Wattles,	Sherman	34	M	Farmer	New York
Wattles,	Wealthy	25	F		Massachusetts
***					
BEACH,	MARY	18	F		New York

**NOTE:** Based on her age and proximity, we believe this is Mary A. Beach<sup>8</sup>, b. Nov 10, 1831, daughter of Gordon Mansfield Beach<sup>7</sup>, Richard Mansfield<sup>6</sup>, Timothy<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Ephriam<sup>3</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>. See the entry for GORDON BEACH above.

**ORREN W. BEACH**, *Franklin, Delaware County, New York, Page 45, Dwelling 244, Family 261*

Northrup,	John M.	26	M	Farmer	New York
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BEACH,	ORREN W.	19	M	Farmer	New York

**NOTE:** There is good reason to believe this man descends from Orrin Beach<sup>6</sup>, bapt. Feb 26, 1782, son of Cephas Beach<sup>5</sup>, Zophar<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>. Whether this ORREN W. BEACH is a son or grandson of Orrin<sup>6</sup>, however, is yet unclear.



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**ROSANIA BEACH**, *Franklin, Delaware County, New York, Page 34, Dwelling 77, Family 84*

Waters(?), ***	William	41	M	Merchant	New York
BEACH,	ROSANIA	19	F		New York

**NOTE:** This woman is the right age to be the daughter of **HARRIET BEACH** above, who was living next door, and/or sister of **EDWARD BEACH** above, who lived nearby.

**SARA M. BEACH**, *Masonville, Delaware County, New York, Page 89, Dwelling 27, Family 30*

Lyle (Clyde?), ***	Samuel	56	M	Harnes(?)	Pennsylvania
Lyle (Clyde?), ***	Margret	61	F		New York
BEACH,	SARA (LERA?) M.	6	F		Ohio

**NOTE:** While indexed as **SARA M.**, the actual census entry suggests her name might instead be "Lera." She lived in close proximity and is thus likely related to **GEORGE W.** and/or **IRA BEACH** above, although exactly how is unclear.

**REFERENCE:**

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*Introduction*

We herewith present the third installment of Josiah Priest's account of his maternal grandfather, Timothy Beach<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Ephraim<sup>3</sup>, Nathan<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>. Long-time readers will find this portion of Priest's narrative familiar as it forms the basis of several subsequent accounts we have previously presented, *See: Jay Gould, History of Delaware County*, Keeny & Gould (1856), pp. 182-191, reprinted in *Beach Family Journal*, Vol. VIII, No. 1, pp. 1123-1127; *History of Delaware County, New York*, W.W. Munsell & Co. (1880), pp. 284-285, reprinted in *Beach Family Journal*, Vol. III, No. 2, pp. 314; and Francis Whiting Halsey, *The Old New York Frontier*, Charles Scribner's Sons (1917), pp. 347-353, reprinted in *Beach Family Journal*, Vol.

III, No. 2, pp. 314-316. As we have noted previously, however, all of these later versions of the story vary slightly in their particulars. Thus, despite its length, Priest's original account is worthy of presentation if for no other reason than that it is presumably the most complete and accurate history of Timothy Beach's adventures on the New York frontier.

**Her Father passes through the Wilderness; Employs an  
Indian Guide; in Danger of being Assassinated; Ex-  
amines the Lands; Returns to his Family.**

[Continue p. 9] At the close of the Revolutionary war, Mrs. Priest<sup>1</sup> was about fifteen years of age; she had seen the distant hills illuminated by the burning of Fairfield - had felt the chilling horrors inspired by war and bloodshed - had listened to the roar [Begin p. 10] of cannon from the port of New-York, with trembling; had marked the strong agonies on the countenance of her mother, while the life of her father hung on the caprice of a moment; how welcome, therefore, was the news of peace. From State to State, the joyful tidings flew; shouts were heard from every quarter - young men and maidens, old men and children, hailed with transport, the day which announced our country free, and gave us a name and being among the nations of the earth.

Immediately after the close of that war, a spirit of emigration prevailed among the people of the New-England States, toward the Western wilderness, which still continues, and will continue, till the Rocky mountains are passed, and the shore of the great Pacific receives the augmenting tide of human population - where thousands of years before Columbus discovered this country, were people, nations and languages, now unknown, but in their stead, are found, spread over the immense regions of the west, their works of warlike defense, their tumuli [sic] and pyramids of earth, as are found in all other parts of the globe. Fifty years will scarcely have passed away, when this will be accomplished, cities will arise, where now the wild howling of beasts of prey are only heard, and villas, with hamlets, farms, roads, railways, and canals, with all the turmoil of a dense population will be seen where now the wild ranges of the aboriginal hunter spread abroad, over hill and dale. From these boundaries, the living flood of human population will flow south till the mighty *Oregon* shall be filled with a civilized and religious race; the Indian will be reduced to cultivation and government; the oceans, the Atlantic and Pacific, will be united by a ship canal across the Isthmus of Darien, when China and Europe shall meet in America, as it was immediately after the flood of Noah. The frozen regions of the North, with its ten thousand lakes, will become navigable, the Indians civilized, their furs and fisheries more widely useful; roads will be constructed, so that the utmost bounds of the continent will be passed even to Russia, and all mankind become as familiar with each other as are the countries of Christendom at the present time. The bigotry of South America and of Mexico will pass away, and the rational rights of man be known, appreciated and enjoyed by those now miserably deceived portions of our continent.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> I.e., Priest's mother, Deborah (Beach<sup>6</sup>) Priest, daughter of Timothy Beach<sup>5</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> While largely irrelevant to the story of Timothy Beach<sup>5</sup>, this paragraph is nonetheless remarkable in several respects. The reference to "...people, nations and languages, now unknown..." is an allusion to Priest's theories (expressed in his other writings) about pre-Columbian civilizations, *See*: the "Introduction" to Part I in *Beach Family Journal*, Vol. X, No. 3, p. 1513, fnote 1. Perhaps more interesting is Priest's vision of America's "manifest destiny" - a phrase newspaper editor John L. O'Sullivan would not coin until eight years later, in 1845. At a time (i.e., in 1837) when settlement was just starting to advance west of the Mississippi, Priest nevertheless foresaw "cities, ... villas, with hamlets, farms, roads, railways, and canals..." crossing the continent all the way to the Pacific. His prediction as to when all this would be accomplished (i.e., "Fifty years") was likewise uncannily prescient. The Census Bureau in fact proclaimed the frontier "closed" in 1890, prompting Fredrick Jackson Turner to write his famous book, *The Significance of the Frontier in American History*, in 1893. As an aside, "Darien" is a region in what is now Panama. It was "upon a peak in Darien," that Balboa [not Cortez, as Keat's sonnet erroneously asserts] first viewed the Pacific in 1513. It is also the site where, in 1698, some 1200 Scots tried to establish a colony to capitalize on transoceanic trade. For these and other reasons, "Darien" was frequently used in the early 19th century to refer to Panama as a whole.

Her father also partook of this general impulse, sold his farm which he had acquired after abandoning a seafaring life, and prepared to remove to the banks of the wild Susquehanah - the hunting grounds of the Delawares. But before he actually removed his family, he took the precaution to go and explore the lands of that river. On this journey her eldest brother, then a lad of about twelve years, accompanied him.<sup>3</sup>

After crossing the broken and wild region of country lying between the North River and the sea, they came to a place on the Hudson called Catskill, where a few families had already settled.<sup>4</sup> At this place he entered the woods, with a view of coming to the Susquehanna at a place then known by the appellation of Wattles' ferry, a distance of nearly one hundred miles.<sup>5</sup> It was, however, considered dangerous to penetrate that distance without a guide, as there were little or no traits of human industry to mark the way, being almost a continued wilderness. Here he was so fortunate as to find a half breed Indian, who knew the way, and was willing to become his conductor, appearing to be a fleet, shrewd and intelligent native.

The land which he wished to examine in particular, belonged to COLONEL HARPER, who had, as is well known, taken an active part in the border warfare with the Indians in Tryon County, on the Susquehanna, and was situated some where near what is still called *Ochquaga*, an ancient Indian town. To this place the guide was to accompany him, at a stipulated price.<sup>6</sup>

They left that place on horseback, winding their way amid the woods, on their course from Catskill, which now passes through Cairo, in Greene county, where also were a few families scattered along beneath the mountains, who had returned or remained after the war, as all that region had been traversed by the depredating Indians and Tories. From the place now called Cairo, they pursued the [Begin p. 11] *Palawva* route, which lay through a wilderness of the most hideous description; passing over a rugged and mountainous world - but is now thickly settled with enterprising farms, mechanics and merchants.

The first day after leaving Catskill they advanced to somewhere near the place which is now called Osbornville<sup>7</sup>, and as near as can be calculated a distance of about twenty-five miles. Here they encamped for the night, having gathered grass for the horses on the margin of the head waters of the Schoharie creek. Along this stream, from thence, even down to a place called Breakabin, or the place of GENERAL PATCHIN, the same whose captivity among the Indians, we have sometime since published, there runs a gloomy gulf, the haunt of wolves, bears and panthers, at that time, as well as of deer and some few elk. Beneath a huge clump of hemlocks near the creek, they scraped away the brush, built a fire, refreshed themselves from their sacks of provisions, and from a small green glass bottle, which had been filled with the true West India Jamaica, an article altogether, at that time, superior to the same article we now use.<sup>8</sup> They now addressed themselves to rest, beneath heaven's canopy, so much of it as could be seen bending over the narrow space between the hills which embrace the head of the Schoharie Creek. The hour of midnight had nearly arrived, the fire had waned to a few coals, amid the ashes; when the shrill but loud and terrifying scream of some animal awoke the slumberers from their dreams. They now listened, when again it struck the ear from another quarter, but somewhat nearer. The guide, being an Indian,

<sup>3</sup> This boy was presumably Richard Mansfield Beach<sup>6</sup>, oldest son of Timothy<sup>5</sup> and thus "eldest brother" of Deborah (Beach<sup>6</sup>) Priest. Since Timothy Beach<sup>5</sup> died well before Priest wrote this account, we assume that his uncle Richard<sup>6</sup> was the chief source of information about these events.

<sup>4</sup> One such family would have been Timothy's older brother, Ebenezer Beach<sup>5</sup>, who settled in Greene County, New York, c. 1787, and appears on the 1790 Census for Catskill.

<sup>5</sup> Nathaniel Wattles established his ferry on the Susquehanna River circa 1784, near its confluence with Ouleout Creek, just above what is now Unadilla, Otsego County, New York.

<sup>6</sup> This is Col. John Harper, for whom Harpersfield, Delaware County, New York, is named.

<sup>7</sup> Today known as Windham, Ulster County, New York.

<sup>8</sup> In other words, good rum!

knew instantly what kind of animal it was, and whispered "A Painter - a Painter;" meaning a panther. With its habits, and the best manner of encountering this animal, he was perfectly acquainted, and therefore seizing his rifle, examined the load and the priming, bid his companions be silent, but to cover the fire. During this time the screams of the creature continued at short intervals, but still nearer. It was, he said, calling its mate, on account of the scented game - themselves and horses - with the view of an attack by a leap from some tree, or from some favorable position on the ground. The agility of this creature is not exceeded by any other animal of the whole earth, it being able to spring, when hard pushed, or frightened, nearly forty feet on a level.<sup>9</sup> Their strength is amazing, as well as their ferocity, and untamableness of nature.

The Indian had directed Beach to have his rifle in order, as he might have use for it, although not much acquainted with its powers as a hunter. He did so, when they remained silent, not even breathing as loud as was natural, listening with the expectation of more yells. But in this they were disappointed, as no sound of the animal could be heard. As to this, the Indian said, in a whisper, that so much the more was their danger, and that the animal was creeping on its belly toward them for a leap, unless it had gone entirely off. They waited, however, but about fifteen minutes, when there came suddenly on the darkness of the night, the continued *bleat* of a deer, together with the suppressed yells of some creature which had the mastery of it, and was rending it to the death. Now was the time for the Indian, who instantly, while the animal was destroying the deer, bent low down and glided off in that direction as silent as a spectre of darkness; while Beach in the same manner, and as near as he could followed after, rather shily [sic., i.e., shyly] however, feeling inwardly a strong reluctance to venture very near the scene of action.

It was now but a few moments, while the feeble cry of the deer, still struggling with its enemy, was heard, when the flash and report of the Indian's shot, gave notice that the crisis had arrived. All was now still, except the rustling of some creature on the leaves and dry brush, which showed that a change had passed over the parties of the conflict. The Indian stirred not till all was still, when he gave a yell, such as Indians do when the battle is won, and at the same time returned to the fire, and reloaded.

They now gathered from the shaggy trunk of a yellow birtch [sic] growing near, an armful of its dry and pendant bark, of which they made several torches, and lighting one, ventured boldly to the spot, being assured by the Indian that all danger was over; for, he added, he had put a bullet between the eyes of the creature [Begin p. 12] But this proved not exactly correct, as on coming to the place, there lay stretched beside the deer, which was still breathing faintly, a *panther* of the largest description, having a shot exactly opposite the heart, which, on examination, was found to have pierced the lungs.

The deer they now put out of its pain, by dispatching it in as quick a manner as possible. They then dragged the animal to the fire, but delayed to skin it till the morning. During the residue of the night they kept up a huge fire, feeling no desire to sleep, being so thoroughly roused by the incident which we have just related, keeping up the spirits by now and then a draught from the green bottle of Jamaica.

In the morning they skinned the panther, which measured eight feet from the tip of the nose to the end of the tail.<sup>10</sup> Its hide they carried with them, as a trophy of the adventure. But the deer they left as it was, except that they cut a steak from its haunches, for their breakfast, which they easily cooked over the coals.

But after the panther was killed, the residue of the night was passed by no means in silence; for the wolves had scented the blood of the conflict, and ran howling about till nearly daylight. And also the scream of another

<sup>9</sup> This figure seems exaggerated. According to several web sites, *Felis concolor* - variously called the mountain lion, cougar, panther, catamount or puma - can leap somewhere in the range of 15 to 25 feet, See, e.g.:

<http://www.bearcountryusa.com/animals/mountain.htm> (23 feet)

<http://brainmuseum.org/Specimens/carnivora/puma/> (5.5 meters = approx. 18 feet)

<http://www.humboldt.net/~tracker/cougar.html> (20 feet vertically)

<sup>10</sup> If true, this would indeed be a large specimen, since the average modern adult male mountain lion measures approximately 7.5 feet in length, of which the tail comprises a third or more.



panther was heard several times, but at a great distance. These noises were but sport for the Indian, which he often imitated at the top of his voice, but effectually prevented their too near approach by the violence of the fire, and the frequent shots of their guns.

Thus passed the first night of their journey in the woods. No other incident worthy of record took place during the residue of their wilderness trip, although out several nights, except the sight of plenty of deer, and the howlings of the wolves, where they very much abounded in those early times.

When they first were awakened by the screams of the animal, they could easily have frightened it away, by firing their guns and the rousing of their fire; but the Indian wished an encounter, as he had no fears about its issue.

They at length came out at the desired place on the Susquehannah, where the river is now crossed by the Unadilla bridge, which place at first was called Wattles' Ferry, as before mentioned.

From this place, after a day's halt, they pursued their way down the river, having no other road than the path of the Indians, to the lands of Harper. About sunset they encamped for the night at a place which appeared convenient, on a little eminence, near the bank of the river, not far from Bainbridge. At this spot, while preparing a place to sleep among the leaves and brush, they heard below a splash in the water, which somewhat alarmed them, not knowing from what cause it might proceed. But presently a small batteau made its appearance, owned and maned by a Mr. Herrick, who had been down the river on an exploring tour. Here they all encamped for the night; but before they parted in the morning, an exchange of one of Beach's horses for Herrick's boat and provisions took place, Herrick paying the difference. The next morning her father directed the guide to take the remaining horse and proceed to the place known and described by the Indian, as he was acquainted through all that country of woods, as a place where they were again to encamp, when night should overtake them, while Beach and his little son glided down the gloomy river in the batteau. In many places, while passing along its rapid current, it appeared as if the river had come to an end, on the account of some sudden bend in the stream. At other places the mountains, clothed to their summits with dark and dismal forests, came abruptly down to the very brink of the water, while on the opposite side lay large tracts of alluvial flats, which for ages had been the home and hunting grounds of the red men of the woods, when arrows and hatchets of stone were their only arms.

They arrived at the place appointed; their guide was there; the sun was setting in silent majesty, kissing the tops of the lone mountains, with his red and level beams; twilight, the harbinger of both night and day, was bringing darkness on. Again their bed of brush was laid beneath the boughs of the thick leaved forest, their fire built, their supper taken, and each being weary, laid him down to rest.

At this place Beach had reason to suspect that himself and little son were the ob-[Begin p. 13]jects of assassination; as on laying down he observed the guide more than usually particular in the choice of the spot where he intended to compose himself to sleep, and that he kept his hatchet close to his side, a thing which he had not been as careful to do at any other time. Accordingly, during the whole of that night, her father dared not indulge in sleep for a moment; only *pretending* to do so, while with half closed eyes he watched the motions of the Indian by the light of the fire. Several times he saw him move his hand toward the tomahawk, when her father would rouse a little, as if he happened to wake just at that time, when the perfidious Indian would seem to sleep again.

Morning at length came rushing from the east, whose orient beams of light broke and scattered the hated spell, which had conjured up fears and terrors in sad reality, amid the dreary darkness of that fearful night. At this place they again fixed on a spot known and described by the Indian, at which they were again to meet, but at noon instead of night. Here they parted from their guide, the Indian following his own way on horseback, while Beach descended the river in his boat.

At noon, as agreed, he found the spot, knowing it by some certain mark described; but the guide did not appear. Fears were now entertained that the Indian was about to prove treacherous, and that he had gone to some place where he knew that he could find villains like himself and his own nation, to aid in the murder and robbery

of her father, seeing he had not been able to effect it during the past night. In all these conjectures he was the more confirmed, on examining his little son, whether the guide had questioned him at any time about money; when to his surprise he found this was the case, and also that the boy had innocently told him that his father possessed a thousand dollars in gold, and that it was with him; but how to escape the danger was unknown.

From this place, during the afternoon, he as silently as possible dropped down the stream to where the land was which he intended to view; where finding a convenient place, he ran the canoe in among some thick willows, so as to hide it from the Indians, if they were about there.<sup>11</sup> By this time it was night, when he again sought out a place not far from where he had hid the canoe, to sleep; scaping away the leaves, but not daring to strike a fire, lest if there were Indians, they might the more easily find him.

During this night, he was greatly disturbed in his sleep by a dream, in which he saw his father, who had been dead many years, standing by him, looking very earnestly upon his face, and saying in an earnest, impressive and commanding manner, "*Timothy, go back, go back!*" twice repeating it, so that on awaking, he found the impression was as strong on his mind, as if it had been reality.<sup>12</sup>

The next day he examined the land, wading through nettles, brambles and vines, along the margin of the river, the evidence of a good soil; but notwithstanding it had cost him so much pains to visit this spot, he did not fancy it. It is likely from the behaviour of his guide, and from the impression of the dream, that his mind was unfit for observation, as he spent but a short time in looking about, but returned to the place where he had lodged the night before. Here he again encamped beneath the open heavens, with no other covering than the tops of the trees, and without fire, for the same reasons as before. At this place, as the night previous, his father came a second time in a dream, and angrily repeated the former injunction, "*Timothy, go back, go back!*" which he now, on awaking in the morning, considered as a warning from the spirit of his father; on which account he determined not to settle so far down the river, which was at least forty miles from any inhabitants.

He now hastened back again as fast as possible, still wondering what had become of his guide and horse.<sup>13</sup> The second day had nearly worn away, in toiling up the rapid river, by means of a setting pole<sup>14</sup>, when on coming near the shore, in order to take advantage of the shallowness of the water - the bushes being very thick in that place, so that a person could not be discovered at ten feet distance; - here all at once, without any warning, the guide announced himself by a loud and horrid yell, which reverberated up and down the shores of the river, with repeated [Begin p. 14] echoes, the most dismal. But no Indians appeared with him. It was desirable, however, to ascertain whether he had seen any since he had been absent. To ask him the question direct, he knew would be of no use; he therefore requested to know if he were not hungry, as he must be of necessity, having been gone nearly

<sup>11</sup> This is the first suggestion that Timothy Beach<sup>5</sup> was travelling by "canoe." Recall that Priest previously says Beach traded with Herrick for a "batteau," a name generally applied to a larger vessel of European design, See also: Footnote 14 below.

<sup>12</sup> Surprising as it may now seem, a belief in prophetic dreams was widespread among the Puritans well into the 18th century. While some critics condemned the practice as "occult," others defended it on the grounds that prophetic dreams figure prominently in Scripture, e.g., Matthew 1:20; 2:12; 2:14; and 2:19. Mather's *Magnalia Christi Americana* cites with approval several stories of prophetic dreams experienced by ministers which subsequent events appeared to prove true. Samuel Sewell's diary likewise records a number of such dreams, along with what he took to be their fulfillment. For an excellent discussion of the role such "signs and portents" played in Puritan society, See: David D. Hall, *Worlds of Wonder, Days of Judgment: Popular Religious Belief in Early New England*, Harvard University Press, 1990.

<sup>13</sup> Of course, it seems probable the Indian guide entertained similar thoughts, since it was Timothy Beach<sup>5</sup> who "silently as possible" abandoned their appointed rendezvous.

<sup>14</sup> One does not generally "pole" a canoe since, given their light weight and shallow draft, they can generally be paddled satisfactorily even against the current. A batteau, however, would often be poled upstream, and Priest again refers to the vessel as a "batteau" in subsequent parts of his narrative.

two days, unless he had been with Indians, at some place where they dwelt. But to his dismay, when he said to him, in a friendly tone of voice: *Are you not hungry?* will you not have something to eat? - his answer was, NO, in a very gruff and peevish manner. Beach then wished to know where he had been, and the reasons why he had deserted him<sup>15</sup>; but to these questions he made no answer nor appeared to notice them, but immediately proposed that the boy should come on shore, and ride the horse, while himself would get into the boat and help to push it up the river. To this her father agreed, as he very much needed help, the water in many places being very rapid.<sup>16</sup>

But in a very short time, the child not knowing how to find the way, wandered quite out of hearing; being misled by the paths of the wild beast, or of the Indians. On this account, he was compelled to run the boat ashore, and to go in search of his son, or he might be entirely lost, wandering further and further in the unknown wilderness; besides it was nearly sun down, and the boy, if not recovered, would have to pass the night alone, and lost in the woods.

This was the exact effect of the Indians previous calculation; not doubting but in the absence of his father, he should be able to find and seize upon the gold, and then to disappear. But the money, as it happened, was too securely hidden among the baggage, to be discovered before his return; who by hallooing soon found his boy, and came back to the boat. He now tied the horse to a tree, and came with the boy into the batteau again, intending that the Indian should go on shore and take the charge of it, as soon as he should have helped him up the rift.

They now pushed on together, up the rift, but while about in the middle of it, where the water was the most rapid, while struggling hard against the current, the Indian gave a loud *yell*, which Beach knew to be a signal of some kind, according to the manner of the Indians. In a minute or two, there appeared not less than *six* Indians, rushing from the woods with their drawn knives, who leaped in the water, and come wading toward the boat, as it was not more than waist deep, nor that in many places.

At this occurrence, his guide pretended to be frightened, and urged Beach to take up his gun and fire among them, well knowing that one shot could not kill them all, and that the survivors would make short work with him, when the money, sooner or later, would be found by *himself*, as it is not likely he had told the Indians of *this* part of the booty. But there was his horse, his gun, with the amunition, his clothes and provisions, and a keg of rum, which he had bought of Herrick with the boat. These commodities were inducements of sufficient magnitude to inspire the other Indians to commit the robbery, if not a murder, while the guide had his eye on the money alone. But Beach perceiving all this at a glance, instead of firing at them, met them at the side of the boat, with a bottle of rum in his hand, saying in the most *conciliating* manner he could assume, "the war is now over, we will all be brothers: we will not fight but be friends." "So *me* will," shouted one of the number, while the others appeared bent on mischief. He now instantly propsoed that they should help push the boat up the swift water, without getting into it, then he would go on shore with them, and would have a good frolic all night. He liowever was inwardly much terrified, not knowing how to escape. He died the batteau to a staddle<sup>17</sup>, filled a tin kettle with rum, and gave it to one of the Indians to carry to a convenient spot, who marched off with the prize, the rest following after him, guide and all, the boy excepted, who curled down in the boat and kept himself still, and as much as possible out of sight.

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<sup>15</sup> Once more Priest seems to forget that Timothy Beach<sup>5</sup> and his guide had "fixed on a spot... at which they were again to meet,...;" and that "... at noon, as agreed, he [Beach] found the spot...", only to leave it *before* the guide arrived.

<sup>16</sup> While the guide might indeed be better able to help pole the boat upstream, it still seems odd Timothy Beach<sup>5</sup> would take him aboard and put his son ashore. One would think the boat to be the best "defensive" position for Timothy<sup>5</sup> and his son; keeping the guide at a distance while allowing for escape by crossing to the opposite shore or floating downstream. So too, Timothy<sup>5</sup> must have forseen his son might become lost (as in fact proved true) or else fall into the hands of the guide's cohorts.

<sup>17</sup> Now largely obsolete, the term "staddle" denotes a small tree or sapling.



The guide now, no doubt, considered his victim and the money safe enough, as that during the night his purpose could be easily effected, either by his own hand, or that of some of the others. They now sat down in a ring on the ground, while the tin kettle went rapidly round, as they took deep and long draughts of the rum; [Begin p. 15] the effect of which, soon began to show itself, by their yells, and their leaping about. At this moment, when they appeared to be wholly occupied with themselves and their freaks, he stepped to the boat as if to fasten it better, when he gave it a violent push out into the river, and leaping into it as he did so, shot over to the opposite side.

It was now nearly dark, as the whole transaction had taken place between sun set and the end of the twilight; and during the whole time a dense black cloud had been coming up from the south, which just at that moment of his leaping into the boat, burst forth in a tremendous thunder shower, producing almost instantly a total darkness. This, it is likely, was the only opportunity in which he could have made his escape, for in the uproar of their drunkenness, and the thunder of the coming storm, they did not perceive his intentions soon enough to prevent him, as they had no guns, or at least, none had been brought to view as yet.

The storm increased, the lightening flashed around, the thunder rattled terribly among the mountains, the darkness was palpable, while the rain poured down in torrents, all of which aided him in his flight exceedingly. They, however, soon perceived that he had escaped, and as soon attempted to follow; this they did a mile or two along the shore, which he knew by their yells, heard between the claps of thunder, but soon died away, overcome by the rain and the rum. All night he pursued his course up the river, not regarding the fury of the tempest, pushing the boat up the frequent rapids, sometimes wading to the arm pits, ere he was aware of the depth of the water, meaning thereby to get along faster than he could shove it with his setting pole. At day light, he found himself at the mouth of *Carr creek*<sup>18</sup>, having run during the night, about ten miles, as the place where the Indians came upon him was about five miles above Bainbridge, on the Susquehannah.

At the mouth of the creek they stepped on shore, and fastened the boat, when in order to get a little out of the pelting of the rain, which yet continued with all its fury, they hastened to the shelter of a thick clump of trees, where they had not stood many minutes, when a flash of lightning struck a large pine tree but a few rods from them, and tore it to atoms, scattering it in fragments about the wilderness. From this place they travelled through the wet and dripping woods to the place where the Unadilla bridge now is, where at *first* a Mr. Wattles had made a settlement. Of this man he obtained help to get his boat up to that place, as the river had now become too strong in its current, from its sudden rise, for the strength of one man, in the management of the boat.

A few days after his arrival at this place, where he sold his batteau, the Indian who had given so much trouble, was taken up in the woods, in the possession of the horse, by two persons who had been out on a tour of hunting and exploration, by name Richard and Daniel Ogden, brothers. These men knew the horse, having seen it when Beach was at the Ferry, a few days before, and compelled the fellow to come with them to give an account of his behavior. But Indian-like he answered nothing to the charges of which he was guilty, and here the matter ended, as no further measures were taken against him.

Near this place, called Wattles-Ferry, even to this day so called by the oldest inhabitants on the Susquehannah, Beach selected a farm in an entire wild state. It is now known by the name of the *Ketchum farm*, and is in the town of Sidney, Delaware county, N.Y. He then returned through the same woods, carrying his boy on his horse behind him, till he arrived at Western<sup>19</sup>, his place of residence, in old Connecticut, but then known by the appellation of *Down Country*, by all such as had removed from thence to the westward.

Thus ended a journey, replete with hardships, dangers and sufferings, as a prelude to many more, yet to befall [sic] him and his family. [End p. 15]

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<sup>18</sup> Priest here adds his own footnote, viz: "A small stream coming from the east, on the Delaware side of the river; well known in Delaware and Otsego counties."

<sup>19</sup> This appears to be a typographical error; the town of "Weston" being meant. Recall that at the end of Part I, Timothy Beach<sup>5</sup> is said to have "returned to Weston" after his unsuccessful attempt to retrieve John Hall from the army.



We hope to include the next installment of Priest's account, entitled "Removal of the Family to the West,..." in the Summer issue.

## ARTICLES

### JOHN H. BEACH Of Auburn, Cayuga County, New York

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Mr. Michael Riley is the Town Historian for Mentz, Cayuga County, New York, and a student of 19th Century U.S. History at Empire State College, with particular emphasis on early New York and its canal systems. Last fall he contacted us in connection with a paper he was writing entitled *Beach's Mill: The Effect of Waterpower on One Nineteenth Century Community*; a detailed history of the grist mill built at Port Byron, Cayuga County, New York, by John H. Beach of Auburn. Following an exchange of information Mr. Riley kindly shared with us his finished work, along with permission to use so much of it as might be suitable for publication here. While the paper is itself rather long and focuses more on the mill than its builder, we are pleased to present below "Appendix 3" to the main text, which Mr. Riley originally entitled *John H. Beach - The Man*. As will be seen this is an extensive piece in its own right and presents much that is new to us. Some of the implications of Mr. Riley's findings will be discussed in our own Appendix below. For the moment, however, we express our gratitude to Mr. Riley for sharing this information and allowing us, in turn, to present it to you. Note that Mr. Riley hopes one day to write an entire book on John H. Beach and his mill, and is therefore desirous of any additional information others might care to share with him.

#### **Appendix 3: John H. Beach - The Man**

The history of John H. Beach is somewhat of a mystery. Although the man was a vigorous promoter of Auburn, a successful businessman, and a powerful political figure, it appears no historian bothered to write his biography. Thus what we know of the man comes from his name being mentioned in passing and Eugene Beach Jr. (the Editor of the *Beach Family Journal*). From these sources, we can begin to develop a story of his life.

John Harvey Beach moves to Auburn in 1809 [Note 1]. His obituary states that he came from Connecticut and was a lawyer, but he makes his living as a miller and a store owner. From the beginning, John is instrumental in the development of the new village. Around 1812, Beach joins forces with David Hyde and together they buy a burned out linseed oil mill and dam which was located on the Outlet in the southern part of Auburn. They rebuild the mill and add a distillery to the operation [Note 2].

In the winter of 1813, the British were attacking Buffalo and the western parts of the State. As people escaped the western siege, they brought with them rumors that the enemy would soon be on their way to the central parts of New York. John Beach helps to organize the defense of the region and soon has two hundred men marching toward Canandaigua. As Beach rides out in front of the men scouting the land, he finds that no enemy is approaching and tells the men return to Auburn. The men had marched on foot almost all the way to Canandaigua before being turned back [Note 3.]

Beach was a very busy man. In 1814, Beach joins with a Judge Miller to open the first cotton mill in Auburn [Note 4]. By 1815, he is a member of the New York State Assembly, and he helps to incorporate the village of Auburn [Note 5]. By 1816, he has become a very powerful member of the Assembly. David Lewis writes: "It (Auburn) possessed an outstanding political figure in John H. Beach, at the time one of the most powerful Assemblymen in the State. Beach was well aware of the economic growth which the establishment of a large penal institution could stimulate in the Auburn area, and by April, 1816, he had succeeded in guiding through the Legislature as act that accomplished his aims: Securing a place on the Commission appointed to execute the new law, he joined two other Auburn lawmakers in offering the State a tract along the Owasco Inlet [sic; Outlet] which provided water power for potential prison industries." [Note 6]. In 1818, Beach is appointed to a new board that oversees the construction of the new prison [Note 7].

In 1817, Beach joins with others to organize the first bank in Auburn. Competitors to Beach buy up most of the stock in the bank, shutting him out of the management of the institution. Beach "was indignant at the unmerited treatment" and "soon put the bank in such awe of him" that he was appointed to the Board of Directors [Note 8]. Later in 1835, Beach was appointed as President of the bank, a title he retains until 1839.

As an educated businessman, Beach saw the need to an improved school system and sits on the first School Board of Trustees in Auburn (1814) [Note 9]. Later in 1818, Beach and his partner donate two thousand (\$2000) dollars to the construction of the Auburn Theological Seminary, a institute that began in Auburn in 1819 and remained until the early 1900's [Note 10].

In 1820, the Erie Canal was open from Montezuma to Utica and the advantages of transportation were soon apparent. In 1822, the businessmen of Auburn began to think of ways to use the new canal to improve their village. The Owasco Creek or Outlet flowed through a valley from Auburn to Port Byron, where it passed under the new canal. The men thought that it would be possible to build a lateral or branch canal through this valley, connecting the Erie to Owasco Lake. This would open up many miles of shoreline along the lake, as well as the village of Auburn to easy and cheap transportation. By having the State fund a canal, the Outlet of the lake would have been cleaned and deepened at the State's expense. This would have aided the manufacturing interests who depended on waterpower along the Outlet. But little is done in regards to this plan. In 1827, Beach is appointed to a committee to reopen this canal plan. For some reason, Beach drops off this committee later in the year [Note 11]. (Later in 1835, a company is organized to sell stock in this venture and construction begins on the Owasco Canal, but other then the building of a large dam, little is done on this canal [Note 12]. By the time the

canal was started, railroad technology had advanced to the point where it was easier to lay track than dig a canal.)

The timing of these later events is interesting. In 1829 and 1830, John Beach begins to buy up large amounts of land in Port Byron. He purchases four acres of land on the bank of the canal, and well as land or easements for a raceway that will be two miles in length [Note 13]. He also purchases most of the water rights of the Outlet near upstream from the village. His new raceway is often referred to as a canal and the lawyer in Beach is careful to claim the "exclusive right of passing up and down upon the banks" of the canal. All the deeds or easements contain this language.

Later deeds show that Beach had formed a new company of investors, namely Ebenezer Beach, Thomas Kempshall, and Henry Kennedy [Note 14]. This company is called John Beach and Company or Beach and Brothers [Note 15]. Kern states that Kennedy lived in Port Byron and had full charge of the Mill [Note 16].

Ebenezer S. Beach was a General in the War of 1812 and apparently a man of means. From family records, it appears that he and John are brothers [Note 17]. In 1827, Ebenezer and Thomas Kempshall open a large flouring mill in Rochester. This mill was located on the east side of the Erie Canal aqueduct and thus called the Aqueduct Mill. (Kempshall later goes on to become a Mayor of Rochester.) Ebenezer also bought up many acres of land in northern Cayuga County in the early 1800's [Note 18]. He owns his own canal boat named the 'Northumberland' and is one of the first boats to cross the newly built and enlarged Rochester Aqueduct in 1842.

There are a variety of questions one can ask about John Beach and his Mill. Did Beach learn something while serving on the Owasco Canal board? The land he buys for his mill and raceway would have become the route of the Canal. By purchasing the rights to the water and easements for the land, was he positioning himself to control any land and water deals that might arise? Or did his family history of building mill establishments lead him to build one more mill in a new village seven miles from his home? Was Beach using his Mill to sell flour to the Auburn prison, the same one he had helped to build thirteen years prior?

Beach dies August 8th of 1839. His obituary in the *Auburn Journal* reads:

In this village on the 8th inst., Hon. John H. Beach, President of the Bank of Auburn, age 55 years. In the language of the Albany Journal:- Death could not have entered any village in the western part of the state, and taken from it a more influential man than whose decease we here record. Mr. Beach, has been for a quarter of a century identified with the growth and commercial importance of the west, and his loss will be mourned by everyone whose interest is connected with its prosperity. Mr. Beach was a native of Connecticut, and removed in early life to the west; he studied the profession of law, but abandoned it and became a merchant - latterly he has been known as an extensive miller. His private character was such as endeared him to his family and friends, while it ensured him the respect and esteem of his numerous acquaintances. [Note 19]

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### Appendix: More Evidence Of The Ancestry Of John H. Beach Of Auburn Necessitates Correction Of An Critical Error In The Beach Family Magazine

We first addressed John H. Beach of Auburn, Cayuga County, New York, back in Vol. VI, No. 3, pp. 882-883, wherein we suggested he was the same man as John Harvey Beach<sup>6</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>, born Feb 3, 1782. This conclusion was based in large part on a variety of circumstantial evidence suggesting a relationship between John H. Beach of Auburn and Gen. Ebenezer Silliman Beach<sup>6</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>5</sup>; the once-famous miller of Rochester. Thanks to Mr. Riley's research our theory finds additional and more direct support, such as the realization John H. Beach was himself a miller [i.e., we previously knew only that his son, John C./D. Beach was in the trade] and that Gen. Ebenezer S. Beach<sup>6</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>5</sup> was an investor in John's Port Byron milling operations. Indeed, the fact the company was sometimes called "Beach and Brothers" fits nicely with our conclusion that John H. Beach and Ebenezer S. Beach<sup>6</sup> were so related.

As we acknowledged in our original item, however, the *Beach Family Magazine*, Vol. III, No. 1, p. 221, claims that John Harvey Beach<sup>6</sup> m. 1st, Lovina Baldwin, and 2nd, Sally Tyler. It further gives his children as (i) Phebe, (ii) Sally, (iii) Hannah, (iv) Mary, (v) David Harrison, (vi) Mary and (vii) David. In contrast, the will of John H. Beach of Auburn identifies his widow as Christina and lists his children as (i) Christina, (ii) Maria, (iii) John C. and (iv) Edward Kellogg. At the time we tried to reconcile this inconsistency by suggesting a third marriage with additional



children. Thanks to data since received from one David Duncan Beach of Selma, Alabama, however, we now realize that the *Beach Family Magazine* errs by confusing John Harvey Beach<sup>6</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup> - i.e., John H. Beach of Auburn - with a wholly different John Beach who likely had the same middle initial.

Per the *Beach Family Magazine*, Vol. II, No. 1, p. 121, John Harrington Beach<sup>5</sup>, Elnathan<sup>4</sup>, David<sup>3</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup> was born on Jan 5, 1756 and married Oct 2, 1776, Phebe Frisbie. Only a daughter Nabbe<sup>6</sup> is given, but the *Magazine* itself concedes its list of John Harrington Beach's children is "incomplete." As Mr. David D. Beach's research shows, there was also a son John<sup>6</sup> (whose middle name may likewise have been either "Harrington" or "Harrison;" hence John H. Beach<sup>6</sup>) who was born Apr 21, 1784. As Mr. Beach further points out, it was *this* John who married Lovina Baldwin and Sally Tyler; a fact readily confirmed by examining the names of their children. Thus daughter Phebe<sup>7</sup> was most likely named in honor of her paternal grandmother, Phebe (Frisbie) Beach, wife of John Harrington Beach<sup>5</sup>; the sons named David<sup>7</sup> probably honored their great-grandfather David<sup>3</sup> and/or great-uncle David<sup>5</sup>, Elnathan<sup>4</sup>, David<sup>3</sup>; and daughter Hannah<sup>7</sup> could have been named for her great-aunt Hannah<sup>5</sup>, Elnathan<sup>4</sup>, David<sup>3</sup>. In contrast, none of these names appear in nor have any discernable significance to the family of Ebenezer<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>. **We thus conclude the *Beach Family Magazine* errs in giving the wives and children of John Beach<sup>6</sup>, John Harrington<sup>5</sup>, Elnathan<sup>4</sup>, David<sup>3</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup> to John Harvey Beach<sup>6</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>.** Once this error is corrected, the way is clear for John Harvey Beach<sup>6</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>5</sup> - whom we are now confident is indeed John H. Beach of Auburn - to have a wife Christina and the "different" children listed in his will.

### More On WILLIAM C. BEACH<sup>7</sup> Of New York And Pennsylvania: Answers To Some Old Questions Raise New Issues

By Eugene H. Beach, Jr.

In Vol. VII, No. 4, pp. 1058-1059, we reprinted the biography of a William C. Beach found in *Presidents, Soldiers, Statesmen - Steuben County, New York Edition*, H. H. Hardesty, Publishers, New York (1896), Vol. II, pp. 1187-1188. Of relevance are the following passages we take the liberty of quoting again in part:

WILLIAM C. BEACH - A son of Miles and Sarah (Powell) Beach,... was born in Tyrone, Schuyler Co., N.Y., Aug. 22, 1827, and came to Steuben county, N.Y., in 1853, having previously married Feb. 29, 1852, in Barrington, Yates Co., N.Y., Adalaide Carr... He had two children by this marriage, Clarence O. and Myron F. He was formerly married to Mary A. Thomas... [William C. Beach] had two half-brothers in the war, John and James; the former in Co. F, 50th N.Y. Eng... [Emphasis added]

As we noted at the time we first reprinted this item, however, it poses several mysteries:

*FIRST* - The Miles Beach given as William's father can be none other than Miles<sup>6</sup>, Stiles<sup>5</sup>, Mathew<sup>4</sup>, Josiah<sup>3</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>, yet later published accounts of that family make no

mention of a son William<sup>7</sup>. For example, Cutter's *Genealogical and Family History of Western New York*, Lewis Historical Publishing Co. (1912), Vol. I, pp. 408-409, says only:

Miles, born May 23, 1799, died 1869; he moved to Texas in 1855 with his family, remaining there until after the civil war, when he removed to Missouri, where he died. He married Sarah Powell and had Stephen, Mary Jane, Erwin Albert and Sarah Ann.

Likewise, Reynolds' *Genealogical and Family History of Southern New York and the Hudson River Valley*, Lewis Historical Publishing Co., New York (1914), Vol. III, pp. 1086-1087 repeats Cutter's account almost verbatim; again with no mention of a son William<sup>7</sup>. See: *Beach Family Journal*, Vol. I, No. 1, pp. 5-6; Vol. III, No. 2, pp. 286-289 where both of these histories are reprinted in full.

*SECOND* - The claim William C. Beach had two half-brothers must mean either (i) Miles Beach<sup>6</sup> had another wife besides Sarah Powell by whom he had children, or (ii) Sarah Powell herself had two sons by another marriage. Yet neither the Cutter nor Reynolds histories hint at either possibility.

*THIRD* - What is to be made of the almost off-hand statement that William C. Beach "was formerly married to Mary A. Thomas." Does "formerly" refer to a marriage *prior* to that to Adalaide Carr? If so it must have been brief since William was only 24 when he married Adalaide in 1852. Alternatively, might "formerly" mean a second, subsequent marriage which terminated prior to 1896 when William's biography was prepared?

Our interest in such questions was recently rekindled when, in the course of unrelated research, we came across the following entry from the 1870 Census for Ronald Township, Ionia County, Michigan:

*1870 Census, Ronald Township, Ionia County, Michigan, Page 22, Dwelling 179, Family 186*

Samuel Williams	55	M	Farmer	New York
ADDIE A. BEACH	39	F	Housekeeper	New York
CLARENCE O. BEACH	15	M	Ass'tg on Farm	New York
MYRON F. BEACH	10	M	At Home	New York

Notwithstanding her abbreviated first name, this is unquestionably Adalaide (Carr) Beach (born Jan 29, 1831, so age 39 in 1870) and her two sons mentioned in the Steuben County history quoted above. Yet this discovery raises yet another question, i.e., why are Adalaide and the children living in Michigan at a time when, as far as we can tell from his biography, William C. Beach<sup>7</sup> still resided in New York? With so many questions surrounding this family we decided to take a closer look and present below our findings to date.

### *I. Additional Evidence Seems To Confirm William C. Beach<sup>7</sup> Was The Son Of Miles<sup>6</sup>*

We first sought to confirm that William C. Beach was indeed the son of Miles<sup>6</sup>, even though not listed as such in either the Cutter or Reynolds accounts. To this end we located the family of Miles Beach<sup>6</sup> on the 1850 Census for Starkey, Yates County, New York, which reveals.

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*1850 Census, Starkey, Yates County, New York, Page 173, Dwelling 511, Family 515*

MILES BEACH	50	M	Carpenter	Massachusetts
SARAH BEACH	43	F		New York
STEPHEN BEACH	20	M	Laborer	New York
JAMES C. BEACH	17	M	Laborer	New York
ALBERT BEACH	15	M		New York
SARAH A. BEACH	13	F		New York

While William C. Beach<sup>7</sup> does not appear in the household, this entry is nonetheless significant. It confirms, for example, that Miles<sup>6</sup> indeed had a son named James<sup>7</sup>, as the biography of William C.<sup>7</sup> suggests. This tells us that the accounts found in Cutter and Reynolds are not as complete nor accurate as might first be thought since both fail to list this child as well. Recall, however, that William's biography claims James<sup>7</sup> to be his half-brother. In this regard we find it interesting that wife Sarah (presumably Sarah Powell) is some seven years younger than her husband, suggesting Miles<sup>6</sup> may well have had a prior wife who died young. If William C.<sup>7</sup> was the child of this prior marriage, then James<sup>7</sup> would indeed be his half-brother. This is admittedly inconsistent with William's biography which claims his own mother was Sarah Powell, but it may be his real mother died when he was too young to remember her name. Alternatively, Sarah Powell may indeed have been the first wife of Miles<sup>6</sup> and mother of William<sup>7</sup>, and that the wife shown on the census is a second, different woman who, by chance, was likewise named Sarah.

Consider also the following entry from the 1850 Census for Barrington, Yates County, New York:

*1850 Census, Barrington, Yates County, New York, p. 243, Dwelling No. 179*

*Family 180*

Samuel Williams	36	M	Farmer	New York
Mehitable Williams	27	F		New York

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WILLIAMSON BEACH	23	M	Laborer	New York
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*Family 181*

Almeda Sunderland	52	F		Massachusetts
GRACE A. BEACH	48	F		New York

Despite the difference in first name, we are confident this is William C. Beach<sup>7</sup>, based not only on his age (born Aug 22, 1827, so 23 in 1850) but also on the fact his future wife, Adalaide Carr, lived only six homes away in the household of George N. Castner, Dwelling 172, Family 173. We likewise feel this census entry confirms the descent of William C.<sup>7</sup> from Miles<sup>6</sup>, Stiles<sup>5</sup> since he is residing with no less than three of his paternal aunts, i.e., Mehitable (Beach<sup>6</sup>) Williams; Almeda a/k/a Almedia (Beach<sup>6</sup>) Sunderland, and Grace A. Beach<sup>6</sup>.

## *II. Adelaide a/k/a Adelia A. (Carr) Beach - Wife of William C. Beach<sup>7</sup>*

As noted above, William C. Beach<sup>7</sup> married Adelaide a/k/a Adelia A. Carr at Barrington, Yates County, New York, on Feb 29, 1852. But while William<sup>7</sup> appears to have remained in New

York, the 1870 Census finds his wife and sons in Ionia County, Michigan. Note further that records posted to the Ionia County GenWeb site reveal that an "Adilia Beach" commenced a suit for divorce against one "William Beach" in 1867, Case No. 508. More curious still, the 1870 shows Adelaide living in the household of a Samuel Williams, age 55 - *unquestionably the same Samuel Williams who is William C's uncle by marriage (i.e., husband of Mehitable Beach<sup>6</sup>, Stiles<sup>5</sup>) and with whom William C. Beach<sup>7</sup> himself lived in 1850!* Last but not least, we know from both the Cutter and Reynolds histories that Mehitable (Beach) Williams herself did not die until April 13, 1897, and other sources give her place of death as Weston, New York.

Just what all this means will be left to the reader to decide. Assuming there was some perceived "scandal," however, this might explain why William C. Beach<sup>7</sup> is not mentioned in the Cutter and Reynolds accounts of the family of Miles Beach<sup>6</sup>.

### *III. Some Descendants of William C. Beach<sup>7</sup>*

While there is undoubtedly more to be learned about this family, we have been able to put together the follow information on the descendants of William C. Beach<sup>7</sup>, which we present in our usual "Roots and Branches" format.

1. WILLIAM C. BEACH<sup>7</sup> (Miles<sup>6</sup>, Stiles<sup>5</sup>, Mathew<sup>4</sup>, Josiah<sup>3</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) - b. Aug 22, 1827, at Tyrone, Schuyler County, New York; living at Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania, as of 1896; m. 1st(?) Mary A. Thomas; m. 2nd, Adalaide Carr, dau. of William and Ann (Mattison) Carr, b. Jan 29, 1831, at Harrington, New York; d. at Ionia County, Michigan; bur. at Palo/VanVleck Cemetery, Ionia County, Michigan.

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2. CLARENCE OLNEY, below.
3. MYRON F., below.
2. CLARENCE OLNEY BEACH<sup>8</sup> (William C.<sup>7</sup>, Miles<sup>6</sup>, Stiles<sup>5</sup>, Mathew<sup>4</sup>, Josiah<sup>3</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) - b.c. 1855 in New York; d. Jun 10, 1909; bur. at Palo/VanVleck Cemetery, Ionia County, Michigan; m. ----- He appears on the 1870 Census for Ronald, Ionia County, Michigan, age 15, living with his mother and brother in the household of Samuel Williams.

ISSUE: (Possibly incomplete)

4. IONE, bur. at Palo/VanVleck Cemetery, Ionia County, Michigan. She apparently died young.
5. OLEN, below.
3. MYRON F. BEACH<sup>8</sup> (William C.<sup>7</sup>, Miles<sup>6</sup>, Stiles<sup>5</sup>, Mathew<sup>4</sup>, Josiah<sup>3</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) - b. Apr 28, 1860, in New York; d. Sep 1, 1943, at Ionia, Ionia County, Michigan; bur. at Palo/VanVleck Cemetery, Ionia County, Michigan; m. 1st, Dec 25, 1880, at Ionia County, Michigan, Eva A. Loomis, from whom he was later divorced; m. 2nd, May 12 (but others say June 12), 1884, at Carson City, Montcalm County, Michigan, Dora Estella Mabie, adopted daughter of Chester A. Mabie, b. Nov 4, 1864, at Holly, Oakland County, Michigan; d. Aug 2, 1912, at Palo, Ionia County, Michigan. He appears on the 1870 Census for Ronald, Ionia County, Michigan, age 10, living with his mother and brother in the household of Samuel Williams. Following the death of his second wife he apparently went to live with his son, Alvin, in whose household he appears on the 1920 Census for Ronald, Ionia County, Michigan.

ISSUE: (By Dora Estella Mabie)



6. LILLIAN, m. George Morris. She was living at Alliance, Ohio, at the time of her mother's death in 1912, and as of 1943 was reportedly residing at Toledo, Ohio. One child is known, i.e., (i) Velois Morris.
7. ALVIN ALLEN, below.
8. MAUDE ADEL, b. Jan 30, 1887, at Palo, Ionia County, Michigan; d. Feb 9, 1950, at Ionia, Ionia County, Michigan; bur. at Balcom Cemetery, Ionia, Ionia County, Michigan; m. Oct 12, 1906, William Gordon Hoople, b. Dec 27, 1882, at Ionia County, Michigan. Their children: (i) Zella Hoople, b. Mar 12, 1907; (ii) Francis Hoople, b. Jun 30, 1908; (iii) Caroline Hoople, b. Nov 14, 1909; (iv) William G. Hoople, b. Jun 12, 1913; (v) Lenore Hoople, b. Oct 8, 1916; (vi) Hazel Hoople; (vii) Beaula Hoople; (viii) Valeta Hoople.
9. NELLIE I., b. Jun 26, 1888, at Palo, Ionia County, Michigan; d. Sep 17, 1978, at Flint, Genesee County, Michigan; bur. at Balcom Cemetery, Ionia, Ionia County, Michigan; m. Dec 24, 1912, at Palo, Ionia County, Michigan, George W. Comer, b. Dec 28, 1887. Their children: (i) Gerald D. Comer; (ii) Alden Arthur Comer, b. Jul 27, 1915; (iii) Merle Comer, b. Sep 14, 1918; (iv) George W. Comer, Jr., b. Jan 17, 1921.
5. OLEN BEACH<sup>9</sup> (Clarence Olney<sup>8</sup>, William C.<sup>7</sup>, Miles<sup>6</sup>, Stiles<sup>5</sup>, Mathew<sup>4</sup>, Josiah<sup>3</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) - bur. at Palo/VanVleck Cemetery, Ionia County, Michigan; m. -----.

ISSUE: (Possibly incomplete)

10. Infant, d. Dec 19, 1913; bur. at Wheeler Cemetery, Orleans, Ionia County, Michigan.
11. Infant, d. Aug 28, 1916; bur. at Wheeler Cemetery, Orleans, Ionia County, Michigan.
7. ALVIN ALLEN BEACH<sup>9</sup> (Myron F.<sup>8</sup>, William C.<sup>7</sup>, Miles<sup>6</sup>, Stiles<sup>5</sup>, Mathew<sup>4</sup>, Josiah<sup>3</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) - b. May 11, 1885 (but others say 1886); d. Aug 12, 1946, at Ionia, Ionia County, Michigan; bur. at Palo/VanVleck Cemetery, Ionia County, Michigan; m. 1st, Anna Larsen; divorced in 1910; m. 2nd, Jessie B. -----, b.c. 1892; d. Feb 10, 1935; bur. at Palo/VanVleck Cemetery, Ionia County, Michigan; m. 3rd, Esther M. Dickinson, b. May 11, 1894, at Montcalm County, Michigan. He appears on the 1920 Census for Ronald, Ionia County, Michigan, age 38, with his second wife, Jessie B., age 28. Also living in the household is his father, Myron F. Beach, age 57.

ISSUE: (By Jessie B. -----/Possibly incomplete)

12. ARLENE, m. 1st, Phillip Endres; m. 2nd, William Stamaker.

As can be seen we have made progress in sorting out this family. In so doing, however, we have likewise raised several new issues which still need to be resolved. We would therefore welcome any additional information our readers may possess or come across. We are especially interested in learning more about Miles Beach<sup>6</sup>, his wife/wives and other children mentioned in the Cutter and Reynolds accounts. We have tried to search the Texas and Missouri records available online, but so far have not located any further information.

### JABEZ BEACH Of Ledyard, Cayuga County, New York: A Probable Identification

By Eugene H. Beach, Jr.

As regular readers have by now surmised, we delight in playing detective; piecing together the available circumstantial evidence in order to establish the "probable" ancestry of a previously

unidentified Beach family. Not only do we find this intellectually stimulating, but also feel it has real value to those still researching their Beach ancestry. Even if our ultimate conclusion turns out to be wrong, future generations may still profit by having so much evidence bearing on the problem gathered together in one place.

This particular exercise has its origins in a query published back in Vol. IV, No. 2, p. 506:

- Q23. Seeking information on the ancestry of LAURA A. BEACH, b.c. 1825 in New York; d. Apr 26, 1853, at Lake County, Illinois; m. Charles M. Gorham, b. 1808 in Connecticut, d. Apr 19, 1871, at Lake County, Illinois. Their children were: (i) Edgar Gorham, b. 1842 at Cayuga County, New York; (ii) Minerva Laura Gorham, b. 1844 in New York; (iii) Leveritt Gorham, b. 1846 in Illinois; (iv) Charles Gorham, b. 1848 in Illinois; (v) Amynstm Gorham, b. 1850 in Illinois; (vi) Fred A. Gorham; and (vii) Aurara Gorham, b. 1852 in Illinois. Laura A. Beach had a brother, WILLIAM BEACH, who likewise moved to Lake County, Illinois. His wife was Louisa ----- and the couple had children ANTINETTE BEACH and WILLARD BEACH, both born in Illinois. The father of Laura A. Beach and William Beach may have been one JABEZ BEACH of Cayuga County, New York, who had twelve children, one of whom was likewise named ANTINETTE BEACH. Anyone with information on these families should reply to: Ms. Carolyn M. Berg, 2731 South 96th Ave. Cir., Omaha, Nebraska 68124.

At the time we had no further information on this family, nor was any reply ever made to Ms. Berg's query.

Subsequently, in Vol. VI, No. 3, we published data abstracted from the 1850 Census for Cayuga County, New York, whijch at p. 878 included the entry for a "Jabes" Beach of Ledyard Township. At age 18 he would be too young to be the father of Laura A. Beach above. As we noted, however, this Jabes Beach lived in close proximity and might therefore be related to a "John" Beach who, at age 54, also appears on this same Census as follows:

**JOHN BEACH**, *Cayuga County, Ledyard Township, Page 252, Dwelling 1185, Family 1247*

BEACH,	JOHN	54	M	Carpenter	Vermont
"	ABIGAIL	52	F		Massachusetts
"	LOUISA	16	F		New York
"	ANTONITTE	14	F		New York
"	BALDWIN	12	M		New York
"	AUGUSTUS	11	M		New York

Then, in August of last year, subscriber Marjorie A. Franklin (who is the sister of Ms. Berg) sent us additional information bearing on both Laura A. and Jabez Beach. In particular, we now had a more complete list of Laura A's children, including a son Augustus Gorham. This prompted us to take another look at our previously published data, as well as conduct additional research and analysis; all of which leads to the following conclusions:

### *Jabez - Not John!*

As a preliminary matter we now see *there is a significant error in the 1850 Census for Ledyard, Cayuga County, New York*. Although the original census roll clearly reads "John"

Beach [and we have looked at it many times to make certain!], *the man in question was in fact named Jabez!* This becomes evident when one examines both prior and subsequent censuses. For example, the 1830 Census for Ledyard, Cayuga County, New York, p. 281, includes the family of a Jabez Beach with 1 male between 30 and 40; 2 males between 5 and 10; 2 males under 5; 1 female between 30 and 40; 2 females between 5 and 10; and 1 female under 5. So too, the 1840 Census for Ledyard, Cayuga County, New York, p. 95, shows a Jabez Beach with 1 male between 40 and 50; 1 male between 15 and 20; 2 males between 10 and 15; 1 male between 5 and 10; 2 males under 5; 1 female between 40 and 50; 1 female between 15 and 20; 1 female between 10 and 15; 1 female between 5 and 10; and 1 female under 10. In each case this cannot be the Jabes/Jabez Beach who appears on the 1850 Census since that man was not even born in 1830 and would have been only 8 years of age in 1840. Instead, the Jabez Beach on these earlier censuses is a much older man, born sometime between 1790 and 1800; which fits nicely with the birth of "John" Beach c. 1796.

Should more proof be needed, however, one need only examine the 1860 Census for Ledyard, Cayuga County, New York, which at p. 309, Family No. 337, gives the following:

JABEZ	BEACH	68	M	Farmer	Vermont
ABIGAIL	BEACH	62(?)	F		Massachusetts
JABEZ	BEACH, JR.	28	M	Laborer	New York

Notwithstanding an apparent difference in age, this is unquestionably the same as "John" Beach on the 1850 Census. Both are shown as born in Vermont and each has a wife named Abigail born in Massachusetts c. 1798. This entry likewise confirms our original suspicion that the younger "Jabes" Beach on the 1850 is related to "John;" being in fact his son and namesake, i.e., Jabez Beach, Jr.

### *The Wilson Data*

A gedcom posted to the Ancestry.com site by one Bruce Wilson provides further information about the family of Jabez Beach. According to this file, Jabez was born Jun 1, 1796, in Vermont and died 1876 at Lockport, Niagara County, New York. His wife is said to be Abigail Gates, daughter of Amos and Susannah (Pike) Gates, born Jul 9, 1798, in Worcester, Massachusetts, and died Jul 17, 1882, at Lockport, Niagara County, New York. Mr. Wilson further gives Jabez and Abigail the following children, i.e., (i) Davis Beach, b. May 1, 1830; (ii) George Beach, b. 1827; (iii) Allen Beach, b. 1828; (iv) Jabez Beach, Jr., b. 1832; (v) Louisa Beach, b. 1834; (vi) Marie Antionette Beach, b. 1836; (vii) Baldwin Beach, b. Jan 17, 1838; (viii) Augustus Beach, b. 1839; (ix) Amos Beach; and (x) James Beach. While we do not presently know the sources of Mr. Wilson's data [and the email address attached to his file is apparently no longer valid such that we have been unable to correspond with him], we assume that as a descendant of Davis Beach he has access to family papers and/or other records not available to us. Suffice it to say Mr. Wilson's information - while itself apparently not complete - appears generally consistent with what we know from the censuses and other sources.

*The Children Of Jabez Beach: A Tentative List*

Based upon all of the foregoing, we can reconstruct the following tentative list of the children of Jabez and Abigail Beach:

Son	b.c. 1820-1825; first of two males between 5 and 10 on the 1830 Census; may have moved from the household by the time of the 1840 Census; possibly the same as AMOS or JAMES below.
WILLIAM	b.c. 1823; probably the second of two males between 5 and 10 on the 1830 Census and/or the male between 15 and 20 on the 1840 Census; moved to Fremont, Lake County, Illinois, where he appears on the 1850 Census, age 27, living in the household of his sister, Laura A. (Beach) Gorham.
Daughter	b.c. 1820-1825; first of two females between 5 and 10 on the 1830 Census; may have moved from the household by the time of the 1840 Census.
Daughter	b.c. 1820-1825; second of two females between 5 and 10 on the 1830 Census; probably the female between 15 and 20 on the 1840 Census.
GEORGE	b.c. 1828; probably the first of two males under 5 on the 1830 Census and/or one of the males between 10 and 15 on the 1840 Census; living near "John" as a laborer, age 22, on the 1850 Census.
ALLEN	b.c. 1828 per the Wilson gedcom; probably the second of two males under 5 on the 1830 Census.
LAURA A.	b. 1825 per data from Mss. Berg and Franklin; probably the female under 5 on the 1830 Census; m. Charles Gorham and removed to Fremont, Lake County, Illinois.
DAVIS	b.c. 1831; living near "John" as a laborer, age 19, on the 1850 Census; possibly one of the males under 5 on the 1830 Census and/or the male between 5 and 10 on the 1840 Census.
JABEZ, JR.	b.c. 1832; living near "John" on the 1850 Census and appears in the household of Jabez on the 1860 Census; probably the male between 5 and 10 on the 1840 Census, if not DAVIS above.
LOUISA	b.c. 1834; appears in the household of "John" on the 1850 Census; probably the female between 5 and 10 on the 1840 Census.
ANTONITTE	a/k/a MARIE ANTIONETTE, b.c. 1836; appears in the household of "John" on the 1850 Census; probably the female under 5 on the 1840 Census.
BALDWIN	b. Jan 17, 1838, per the Wilson gedcom; appears in the household of "John" on the 1850 Census; probably the first of two males under 5 on the 1840 Census.
AUGUSTUS	b.c. 1839; appears in the household of "John" on the 1850 Census; probably the second of two males under 5 on the 1840 Census.
AMOS	Named in the Wilson gedcom, but no date of birth given. He might be the otherwise unnamed older son above.



JAMES

Named in the Wilson gedcom, but no date of birth given. He might be the otherwise unnamed older son above.

As noted, it is possible one or more of these named children are the same as the "additional" unidentified children. Recall that Ms. Berg's original query suggested Jabez had a dozen children and there are exactly that many named above. By the same token it is conceivable this list is incomplete and that there were in fact more than twelve, as the 1830 and/or 1840 censuses can be read as suggesting. For such reasons this list should be considered tentative.

That Laura A. Beach is one such child seems to us certain, even though not appearing by name in any of the census entries. For example, she christened a son Augustus, no doubt in honor of her younger brother. The presence of William Beach in her household likewise provides indirect support, since he named a daughter "Antinette," no doubt in honor of their young sister, Antonitte a/k/a Marie Antionette Beach.

### *The Ancestry of Jabez Beach*

The *Beach Family Magazine*, Vol. II, No. 1, p. 115, essentially "loses track" of Elihu Beach<sup>5</sup>, Elihu<sup>4</sup>, Nathan<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>. While it claims he was "the first white child born in the town of Waterbury, Vt." and suggests he served in the Revolution, nothing is said of any marriage or children. Thankfully, Mahlon W. Beach's *Beach In Canada*, pp. 187-192, devotes an entire chapter to this man who apparently settled at Elizabethtown, Leeds County, Ontario, in 1811, only to flee back to New York at the start of the War of 1812. Of particular interest are the reminiscences of Alvira Robinson Bell - a great-granddaughter of Elihu Beach<sup>5</sup> - originally published in the *St. Lawrence Plaindealer*, Canton, New York, on Feb 10th and 17th, 1942. These show that Elihu Beach<sup>5</sup> married first, Sep 29, 1788, Sally Cooper, who bore him four children, i.e., (i) Charles Rollin Beach<sup>6</sup>, b. Aug 7, 1789; (ii) Chauncey Beach<sup>6</sup>, b. Aug 11, 1793; (iii) Jabez Beach<sup>6</sup>, b. Jun 1, 1796; and (iv) Sally Beach<sup>6</sup>, b. Feb 7, 1799. Although not expressly stated, we assume all of these children were born in Vermont, since - as noted - Elihu Beach<sup>5</sup> did not remove to Canada until 1811. Following the death of Sally Cooper on Mar 11, 1799, Elihu Beach<sup>5</sup> married second, Apr 22, 1800, Hepheibak Smead, born Sep 1, 1777. To this union were born eight more children, i.e. (v) Phileman Beach<sup>6</sup>, b. Jan 16, 1802; d. Dec 11, 1802; (vi) Enos Beach<sup>6</sup>, b. Feb 16, 1803; (vii) Laura Beach<sup>6</sup>, b. Dec 1, 1804; d. Feb 11, 1830; (viii) Elihu Boyington Beach<sup>6</sup>, b. Aug 17, 1806; (ix) Lorenzo Willard Beach<sup>6</sup>, b. Apr 29, 1809; (x) Albert Beach<sup>6</sup>, b. Sep 16, 1812; (xi) Teresa Beach<sup>6</sup>, b. Jan 19, 1815; and (xii) Polly Beach<sup>6</sup>, b. Aug 28, 1817.

Recall now what is known of Jabez Beach of Ledyard, Cayuga County, New York. For example, the 1850 and 1860 Censuses both show he too was born in Vermont c. 1792-1796. Mr. Wilson's data is even more explicit, fixing his birth as Jun 1, 1796 - the exact same date *Beach in Canada* gives for the birth of Jabez Beach<sup>6</sup>, Elihu<sup>5</sup>, Elihu<sup>4</sup>, Nathan<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>. Consider also that Jabez<sup>6</sup> had siblings named Laura<sup>6</sup> and Lorenzo Willard<sup>6</sup> [as well as a niece, Laura<sup>7</sup>, Enos<sup>6</sup>, Elihu<sup>5</sup> and a nephew, Willard<sup>7</sup>, Enos<sup>6</sup>, Elihu<sup>5</sup>] while Jabez of Ledyard himself had a daughter Laura A. and a grandson Willard, son of William. Under such circumstances it seems reasonable to conclude that Jabez Beach of Ledyard, Cayuga County, New York, is one and the same as Jabez Beach<sup>6</sup>, Elihu<sup>5</sup>, Elihu<sup>4</sup>, Nathan<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>.

As always, more explicit documentary evidence of this identification would be preferable. Indeed, one of the reasons for presenting this circumstantial case is to stimulate the search for, and perhaps facilitate eventual discovery of precisely such evidence. When and if it is eventually found, however, we would be much surprised if it does not support our analysis. The name "Jabez" is itself not all that common in the New England Beach family such that finding two born in the same state at the same time, and in whose family the names "Willard" and "Laura" are likewise prominent, seems more than mere coincidence.

**In Memoriam:**  
**CAPTAIN EDWARD LATIMER BEACH, JR.<sup>10</sup>**

By Eugene H. Beach, Jr.

Our family lost one of its more illustrious and well-known members with the death of Captain Edward Latimer Beach, Jr.<sup>10</sup> on December 10, 2002, at his home in Washington, D.C..

Born in New York City on April 20, 1918, "Ned" Beach, as he was affectionately known, was the eldest child of Edward Latimer<sup>9</sup>, Joseph Lane<sup>8</sup>, Joseph Strong<sup>7</sup>, Joseph<sup>6</sup>, Azariah<sup>5</sup>, Azariah<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Azariah<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup> and Alice (Fouche) Beach. His grandfather, Joseph Lane Beach<sup>8</sup>, was a First Lieutenant in the Confederate Army who was wounded and later captured at the Battle of Antietam. His father, Edward Latimer, Sr.<sup>9</sup>, graduated with honors from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1884 and rose to the rank of captain during his own illustrious 37-year naval career.

Captain Beach followed in his father's footsteps, graduating from the Naval Academy in 1939. During World War II he completed twelve submarine war patrols, beginning with the Battle of Midway. From 1943 to 1945 he served as second-in-command aboard the USS Trigger and USS Tirante; earning the Navy Cross for the latter submarine's daring raid off the coast of Quelpart Island. As the war drew to a close he was given command of his own boat, the USS Piper. While hostilities ended before he could see action, the patrol did rescue six Japanese sailors from the Sea of Japan. Captain Beach later expressed gratitude that "after all the depth charges and torpedoes, that this, instead of destruction of my fellow man, is my last memory of the war."

From 1949 to 1951 Captain Beach served as naval assistant to General Omar N. Bradley, then chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. After a period of sea duty he was named naval aide to President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1953 and served in that capacity for four years. In 1960 he commanded the nuclear submarine USS Triton on her famous circumnavigation of the globe. It left Groton, Connecticut, in February, 1960, and only surfaced again on its return in May, taking 84 days to travel a distance of 41,000 miles entirely submerged. That voyage still stands as the all-time record for underwater speed and endurance.

Following his retirement from the Navy in 1966 Captain Beach held the Stephen B. Luce Chair of Naval Science at the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, from 1967 to 1969. He thereafter served as staff director of the U.S. Senate Republican Policy Committee from 1969 to 1977.

It was as an author and naval historian, however, that Captain Beach was best known to the general public. His first book, *Submarine*, was published in 1952 and documented his own and other submariners' wartime experiences. Three years later, in 1955, he published what is, for many, his best known work, *Run Silent, Run Deep*. The book proved so popular that it was made into a 1958 movie of the same name, starring Clark Gable and Burt Lancaster. As he later told the Navy periodical *All Hands* in 1999, however, Captain Beach felt the film took too many liberties. "It's not true to the Navy that I saw and tried to describe."

His numerous other works include *Around the World Submerged*, an account of the Triton's voyage, published in 1962; *The Wreck of the Memphis*, a 1966 book about the cruiser swamped by a tidal wave while under his father's command; *The United States Navy - 200 Years*, an historical study published in 1986; *Scapegoats! A Defense of Kimmel and Short at Pearl Harbor*, published in 1995; and *Salt and Steel: A Submariner's Memoir*, published in 1999. Scheduled for posthumous publication is his edited version of his father's autobiography, entitled *From Annapolis to Scapa Flow*.

Captain Beach was buried at Annapolis, across the street from the U.S. Naval Institute. The location is fitting since, in 1999, the Institute named its headquarters building Beach Hall, in honor of both Captain Beach and his father. He is survived by his wife, Ingrid; sons Edward A. Beach<sup>11</sup> and Hugh S. Beach<sup>11</sup>; daughter Ingrid A. Beach-Robertson<sup>11</sup>; and sister Alice L. Beach<sup>10</sup>. A younger brother, Lieut. Colonel John Blair Beach<sup>10</sup> - himself a decorated army veteran - predeceased him.

**NOTE:** Obituaries of and tributes to Captain Beach were published in virtually every major newspaper; several of which were sent to us by various subscribers. Those consulted in the preparation of this account include items found in *The Washington Post* for Dec 3, 2002; *The Washington Times* for Dec 2, 2002; *The Sacramento Bee* for Dec 2, 2002; and on the website for *The Guardian* (UK). Those interested in Captain Beach's genealogy should consult Elmer T. Beach's *Beach In America* (1923) which contains considerable information about the family. A short biography and photograph can also be found online at <http://www.fleetsubmarine.com/beach.html>. The complete interview which Captain Beach gave to *All Hands* in 1999 - including his thoughts about the movie *Run Silent, Run Deep* - can be found at <http://www.mediacen.navy.mil/pubs/allhands/aug99/pg32.htm>.

On a personal note, we felt special sadness at Captain Beach's passing for several reasons. Aside from our distant kinship, we likewise come from a naval family with ties to the submarine service. Additionally, Captain Beach's brother, Lieut. Col. John B. Beach<sup>10</sup>, was a longtime subscriber to the *Journal* and would occasionally share with us items related to Captain Beach's career. We are especially proud that our library contains a personally autographed copy of Captain Beach's recent book, *Salt and Steel: A Submariner's Memoir*. We also have a photocopy of Elmer T. Beach's *Beach In America* which belonged to Captain Beach's father with handwritten additions and corrections to his line.

## ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

Subscriber Richard N. Platt, Jr. - who himself edits the *Platt Family Newsletter* - writes to say that Randall Rice Beach<sup>6</sup>, John Warren<sup>5</sup>, John Parsons<sup>4</sup>, Eugene<sup>3</sup>, Elias<sup>2</sup>, Eliakim<sup>1</sup>, whose ancestry we presented in Vol. X, No. 4, p. 1560, works for the *New Haven Register*. We had erroneously called that paper the "New Haven Reporter." Mr. Platt also advises he has a new email address, i.e., r.platt@snet.net.

### More On The Family Of Lyman Beach<sup>6</sup>

We have previously published several items on the family of Rev. Lyman Beach<sup>6</sup>, Stephen<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Nathan<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>, e.g., Vol. II, No. 4, pp. 228-230 [descendants of Joseph Heios Beach<sup>7</sup>, Lyman<sup>6</sup>]; Vol. VI, No. 2, pp. 827-830 [family Bible records of Lyman Beach<sup>6</sup>]; Vol. VII, No. 2, pp. 976-980 [descendants of Lyman Beach<sup>7</sup>, Lyman<sup>6</sup>] and Vol. VII, No. 4, pp. 1089-1090 [obituary of Patty (Doolittle) Beach, wife of Lyman<sup>6</sup>]. As this is one of the larger branches of the family, however, it is not surprising we continue to learn more about it.

For instance, the previously published Bible records show that Lyman<sup>6</sup> had a son John Beach<sup>7</sup> and names his seven children, but for some reason does not give the name of his wife. Thanks to email correspondent Joanne Scheible-Hurst, jhurst@gpoconnect.net, however, we now know John<sup>7</sup> married A. Sabrina Powers, b. 1833; d. 1907; that John<sup>7</sup> himself died in 1904; and that both are buried at Knoxboro Cemetery, Augusta, Oneida County, New York. Adding Ms. Scheible-Hurst's data to other information we have recently obtained yields the following preliminary account of this line:

1. JOHN W. BEACH<sup>7</sup> (Lyman<sup>6</sup>, Stephen<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Nathan<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) - b. Oct 26, 1827; d. 1904; m. Sabrina Powers, b. 1833; d. 1907. Both are bur. at Knoxboro Cemetery, Augusta, New York. A notice of the death of John W. Beach<sup>7</sup> was published in the *Rome (New York) Sentinel* for May 2, 1904.

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2. JOHN NEWTON, b. Dec 29, 1848; d. Jun 11, 1850; bur. at Knoxboro Cemetery, Augusta, New York.
3. WILLIAM LYMAN, below.
4. FLORA E., b. Sep 9, 1852.
5. FRANCES H., b. Oct 27, 1855; d. Mar 29, 1930.
6. EMMA A., b. Jul 3, 1857.
7. NELLIE M., b. Jan 9, 1862; d. Jan 25, 1872.
8. ERNEST J., below.
3. WILLIAM LYMAN BEACH<sup>8</sup> (John W.<sup>7</sup>, Lyman<sup>6</sup>, Stephen<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Nathan<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) - b. Dec 12, 1850; d. 1924; m. Jennie Louise Soult, b. 1857; d. 1921. Both are bur. at Knoxboro Cemetery, Augusta, New York.

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9. ALICE GERMAYNE, b. 1880; d. 1971; m. ---- Keyes.



8. ERNEST J. BEACH<sup>8</sup> (John W.<sup>7</sup>, Lyman<sup>6</sup>, Stephen<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Nathan<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) - b. Mar 3, 1868; d. 1939; m. Elizabeth Suzanne Latimore, who d.c. 1912. He was a civil engineer and worked for a railroad company.

ISSUE: (Possibly incomplete)

10. JOHN LYMAN, below.

10. JOHN LYMAN BEACH<sup>9</sup> (Ernest J.<sup>8</sup>, Lyman<sup>6</sup>, Stephen<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Nathan<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) - b. Jul 5, 1904; d. Jul 30, 1972; m. 1933, Marion Isobel Small, b. Mar 29, 1904, at Montreal, Quebec; d. Sep 28, 1998. His mother died when he was a small child and he was thereafter raised by an aunt and uncle, Kate and Arthur E. Evans of Utica, New York. He studied at Syracuse University and attended post-graduate studies at Toronto University where he met his wife. He subsequently moved to Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) where he worked as an exploration geologist in the copper fields, but later settled in South Africa.

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11. ELIZABETH ANN, b. May 14, 1937, at Johannesburg, South Africa; m. Dec 31, 1960, Peter Graham Thorburn, who d. Mar 15, 1997. Their children: (i) Robert John Thorburn, b. Jul 5, 1961; (ii) Jennifer Jane Thorburn, b. Sep 8, 1963; (iii) Lee Margaret Thorburn, b. Jul 9, 1965; and (iv) Kathryn Helen Thorburn, b. Aug 18, 1971.
12. MARGARET JEAN, b. Nov 4, 1939, at Johannesburg, South Africa; m. ----- Latimore. Their children: (i) Joanne Catherine Latimore, b. Nov 22, 1964; (ii) Karen Sue Latimore, b. Oct 18, 1966; and (iii) Stephen Leonard Latimore, b. Feb 27, 1970.
13. BARBARA MARION, b. Sep 11, 1942, at Johannesburg, South Africa; m. May 22, 1965, at Johannesburg, South Africa, Michael Peter Phillips, b. Jun 14, 1936, at Edmonton, Alberta. She and her husband returned to Canada following marriage. Their children: (i) Ross Evan Phillips, b. May 7, 1966; (ii) Michael Alyson Phillips, b. Aug 27, 1968; and (iii) Thane Patrick Phillips, b. Aug 11, 1973.

Should anyone have additional information on this family its submission would be welcome.

## PASSINGS

The following is taken from *The Oakland (Michigan) Press*, Oct 1, 2002, p. A-13 [Submitted by Frank C. Beach]:

BEACH, ROBERT G; 70; of Bartow, Florida; died on Friday, August 16, 2002 at Brandon Regional Hospital. A native of Pontiac, Michigan, he came to his [sic] area 12 years ago from Lake City, Michigan. He was a machine repairman with General Motors for 38 1/2 years. He was of the Methodist Faith. Survivors include his wife, Betta Beach of Bartow; a son Bruce Norman Beach of Woodhaven, Michigan and two grandchildren.

The following is taken from *The Oakland (Michigan) Press*, Oct 19, 2002, p. A-19 [Submitted by Frank C. Beach]:

BEACH, GLADYS S.; age 91; of Holly; died Friday, October 18, 2002; at home. Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, October 21, 2002 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly with Pastor M. Jean Love officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Holly. Visitation will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. Beach was born in Montana on April 8, 1911, the daughter of Daniel and Pearl (Sphuler) Swan. She is survived by her daughter, Carol

Clarke of Holly; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, Milton Beach. Memorials may be made to Genesys Hospice.

The following is taken from an unidentified Montana newspaper, presumably in or around Billings [Submitted by Norma J. Baker]:

**Marjorie Fern (Beach) Thompson**

Marjorie Fern (Beach) Thompson passed away Oct. 26, 2002, at the Eagle Cliff Manor.

Marjorie was born Sept. 25, 1907, in Barnard, Kan., daughter of Lloyd G. and Rose Ellen Beach. After her mother's death in 1909, she and her sister Ruth were raised by Alfred and Mary Frances Gledhill in Gaylord, Kan., where she graduated from high school in 1925.

In Papillion, Neb., on Feb. 1, 1927, she married Albert Jackson Thompson, a dental student at Creighton University, Omaha, Neb. She worked as a waitress while Jack finished school and then helped him set up his first dental office in Bushnell, Neb. After WWII, Marge, Jack and their son Jim moved to Billings.

She enjoyed being a housewife, mother and grandmother. Her interests were birds and flowers; using the many books available, she taught herself to identify the birds and wildflowers found... [portion of original clipping illegible] ... golfing and having an active role in the lives of her grandsons.

Marge was preceded in death by her sister, Ruth Baysdorfer; her son, James Willis Thompson; and her husband, Albert Jackson "Jack" Thompson.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Wanda Thompson of Billings; four grandsons and their families, Jackson Thompson of Norfolk, Va., Paul and Jennifer Thompson and their daughters Amanda and Jamie of Roundup, Raymond Thompson and his son Adam of Billings, Donald and Carolyn Thompson and their children, Matthew, Crystal and Nicole of Okinawa, Japan; and other numerous nieces and nephews in Colorado, California and Canada.

No services planned; cremation has taken place. There will be a gathering of family and friends at 2820 Arvin Road, Saturday, Nov. 2, between 1 and 3 p.m.

The following is taken from the *Detroit Free Press* for Monday, Dec 8, 2002, p. 3B [Submitted by Eugene H. Beach, Jr.]:

BEACH, JAMES A., December 7, 2002, Age 65. Beloved husband of Peggy. Dear father of Roger (Debbie) Beach and Sandra (James) Watson. Dear brother of Robert Beach. Dear brother-in-law of Bob and Debby Barnes. Also survived by five grandchildren. Nieces and nephews also survive. Visiting Tuesday, 3-5 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. at Wujak-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc., 36900 Schoenherr, at Metro Parkway (16 Mile). Funeral services Wednesday 10 a.m. Interment Resurrection. Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guest Book" at WujakCalcaterra.com.

**NOTE:** A visit to the referenced web site shows this man to have been born May 3, 1937.

## VARIOUS AND SUNDRY

This column is devoted to a variety of miscellaneous BEACH/BEECH data such as disconnected lineages too short to form an article or note; informal queries; scattered births, deaths and marriages; miscellaneous land or estate records; etc. The data is presented "as is", arranged alphabetically by name, with reference to the correspondent who furnished it and/or the source from which we extracted it. We and our correspondents would naturally welcome any further information you might have concerning any of these BEACH/BEECH families.

**CONTENT BEACH** - b.c. 1752, probably in Connecticut. in New York; t; m. Thomas Wire who is buried at Goshen, Connecticut. Their children: (i) David Wire; (ii) Nancy Wire; (iii) Susannah Wire; (iv) Thomas Wire, Jr.; (v) Elisha Wire; and (v) Elizabeth "Betsy" Wire, b. 1794; m. Alexander Wood. REF: Email dated Nov 18, 2002, from Dawn -----, DMCAWC@aol.com. **NOTE:** While "Content" was a popular name in Puritan New England, we have only one Content Beach in our files and she was born too late to be the one who married Thomas Wire. The fact Wire is reportedly buried in Goshen, Connecticut, suggests his wife may have belonged to one of the Litchfield County Beach lines, but which one is unclear. Any help would be appreciated.

**CLARK JACKSON BEACH** - b. Aug 20, 1888, possibly at Zanesville, Muskingum County, Ohio; d. May 17, 1976, at Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio; m. 1st, Jun 22, 1910, at Zanesville, Ohio, Kittie Florence Willey, dau. of Daniel Griffith and Dola (Butler) Willey; m. 2nd, Edna -----. At the time of his first marriage Clark Jackson Beach was managing editor of the *Lancaster Gazette*. Children by his first marriage: (i) William C. Beach; and (ii) T. Jack Beach. REF: Email dated Jul 22, 2002, from Carol Jones, granny@capecod.net. **NOTE:** Ms. Jones wonders if this man might be a son of the Walter T. and Lucy Beach who appear on the 1910 Census for Zanesville, Ohio. Be that as it may, we cannot place either Clark Jackson Beach nor Walter T. Beach.

**JAMES BEACH** - originally from Southfield, Massachusetts, was party to an indenture with one Ozias Northway in 1806, involving Lot 78 in the town of Pompey, Onondaga County, New York, *See:* Onondaga County Deeds, Liber F, pp. 495-497. Onondaga County Vital Records, Vol. 4, also disclose that James Beach died Mar 11, 1828, at age 76; therefore born c. 1752. His wife Sarah died Apr 30, 1824, at age 66. The couple had at least one son, James Beach, Jr., to whom his father transferred land in Pompey in 1809. James Beach, Jr. married Chloe -----, who died Sep 13, 1848, at age 75 years, 9 months. REF: Email dated Jun 10, 2002, from Diane Dayley, dayley@madmac.com. **NOTE:** The text of the indenture (deed) mentioned above can be found on the Onondaga GenWeb site at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~nyononda/COURT/LFP496.HTM>. We wonder if the elder James Beach might be James<sup>5</sup>, Abel<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Azariah<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>, b. Nov 24, 1752? The *Beach Family Magazine*, Vol. I, No. 4, p. 91, notes his service in the Revolution but says nothing about any marriage or children. Still, the dates of birth are consistent. It may also be significant that Southfield, Massachusetts, is in the Town of New Marlborough, Berkshire County. Note in this regard that Noah Beach<sup>5</sup>, Abel<sup>4</sup> - the younger brother of James<sup>5</sup> - himself settled at Otis, Berkshire County, thus establishing an arguable Massachushtts "link." Does anyone have any further information which might prove or disprove this theory?

**MARY ANN BEACH** - b.c. 1800 in New York; m.c. 1820 Jacob Mott, who d.c. 1846. The couple lived in Sullivan County, New York, where several of their children were born, but by 1840 removed to Perry Township, Monroe County, Ohio. Their children: (i) Thomas Mott; (ii) David J. H. Mott; (iii) Harvey Mott; (iv) Sarah Mott. REF: Email dated Oct 30, 2002, from David Eckert, Eckert68@aol.com. **NOTE:** We are always frustrated by unknown Beaches with names such as "Mary" or "John" since their commonality makes identification extremely difficult. Sometimes the names of the children provide valuable clues, but in the case of this Mary Ann Beach we continue to draw a blank. Does anyone know anything more about this family?

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**PIRL DAVID BEACH<sup>9</sup>** - The following is taken from a memorial card distributed at the funeral of Pirl David Beach<sup>9</sup>, Sylvester<sup>8</sup>, Sylvester<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Zophar<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup> [Submitted by Linda P. Pugh]:

In Memory of  
**PIRL D. BEACH**

Born Sept. 27, 1894  
Smith Center, Kansas

Passed away Aug. 27, 1971  
Lebanon, Oregon

FUNERAL SERVICES  
Tues., Aug. 31, 1971 2:00 P.M.  
at the  
Jost Funeral Home  
Lebanon, Oregon  
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Interment  
Odd Fellows Cemetery,  
Lebanon, Oregon

**WILLIAM AUSTIN BEACH** - b. Aug 22, 1842, at Baldwinsville, New York. He attained success as a lawyer and in 1885 was appointed collector of internal revenue for the twenty-first district of New York. REF: Thomas William Herringshaw, *Encyclopedia of American Biography of the Nineteenth Century*, American Publisher's Association, Chicago (1902). **NOTE: Baldwinsville is a hamlet in Van Buren Township, Onondaga County, New York.** So far we have not been able to place this man and would welcome any assistance.

**ZOPHAR BEACH** - of Brighton, Monroe County, New York, finds mention in the account book of Elihu Hickock of Rochester, New York, with the first entry dated 1818. Listed are various purchases made by Beach for grain, etc., as well as credit earned doing work for Hickock (field work, cutting timber, etc.) REF: Account book of Elihu Hickock, given to and now in the possession of Ellen Beach, Leesburg, Florida. **NOTE: We believe this to be Zophar Beach<sup>6</sup>, Benoni<sup>5</sup>, Zophar<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>, bapt. Aug 29, 1784, at West Hartland, Connecticut. It is known his father and various siblings moved to the Genesee region in the early 1800's. He is also likely the Zophar Beach who married Clarissa — and had a son, Remus Alonzo Beach, born Mar 25, 1819, at Rochester. Any additional information about this family would be appreciated.**

*Look for the "Summer" issue sometime in April or May, 2003. Meanwhile, we take this opportunity to thank our many returning subscribers who kindly added "a little extra" to their 2003 subscription checks. With rising postal rates and other costs it all helps!*